Included in this paper are keys to all currently recognized species assigned to sections Meniocus and Psilonema. In the main, all specimens seen have been cited, with the exception of the very widespread and common taxa, such as Alyssum linifolium or A. alyssoides. The specimen citations of these two species, as examples, from many areas in Europe could easily number several hundreds. In such cases I have cited only a few representative specimens; in most large herbaria, however, there will be found abundant additional material. Although I have omitted specimen citations for common European species, the citations of specimens of these taxa from the countries of the Near East are as complete as possible since floristic studies of the Near East are still in the explorative stages. This policy will be followed also in further papers on Alyssum.

The abbreviations for herbaria given by Lanjouw and Stafleu (eds.), Index Herbariorum, ed. 5 (Regnum Vegetabile 31. 1964) are used in this paper. Several not listed in an earlier paper (Jour. Arnold Arb. 45: 58, 60. 1964) are given here.

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I. Section Meniocus (Desvaux) Hooker

KEY TO ALL SPECIES OF SECTION MENIOCUS

A. Fruits glabrous, smooth, without setae or papillae.

B. Seeds wingless; styles 0.1-0.5 mm. long; petals $1-2(-2.4) \times 0.5$ mm., pale yellow. 1. A. linifolium.

B. Seeds winged (wings 0.1-0.4 mm. wide); styles 0.5-1.8 mm. long; petals $(1.5-)2-6.5 \times 1.5-2$ mm., gold.

C. Styles 0.5-1 mm. long; petals entire, (1.5-)2-3.5 mm. long; leaves ca. 1.5 mm. wide, ± conduplicate. 2. A. meniocoides.

C. Styles 1-1.8 mm. long; petals retuse or bilobed, 4-6.5 mm. long; leaves generally 2-4 mm. wide, always flat. 3. A. aureum.

A. Fruits setose, at least on margins, and often papillose.

D. Styles more than 1.5 mm. long; petals deeply bilobed (sinuses 1.5-3.5 mm. deep), or retuse; sepals 2-3.5 mm. long.

E. Fruits orbicular or ovate, 3.5-5.5 mm. long, emarginate (rarely obtuse) or truncate, setae (0.2-0.5 mm. long) sparse on face of valves, or if only on margins then papillae always present; seeds winged, (wings 0.2-0.3 mm. wide); petals retuse.

D. Styles less than 1.5 mm. long; petals shallowly bilobed (sinuses 0.3-0.5 mm. deep) or emarginate; sepals 1-2 mm. long.

F. Petals shallowly bilobed, 2-4 mm. long; seeds winged (wings 0.1-0.2 mm. wide); sepals deciduous; leaves increasing in size upwards; fruits broadly elliptic to orbicular, obtuse or truncate; inflorescence spreading, more than 5 cm. long. 4. A. huetii.

1. Alyssum linifolium Steph. ex Willd. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 4. 3(1): 467. 1800(!). — Benth. Fl. Austral. 1: 71. 1863. — Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 286. 1867. — Ruprecht, Fl. Caucasi. 105. 1869. — Willk. & Lange, Prodr. Fl. Hisp. 3: 834. 1880. — Brandza, Fl. Rom. 136. 1883. — Cosson, Comp. Fl. Atl. 2: 239. 1887. — Fedtschenko, Fl. Turkest. 1: 47. 1906. — Bornm. Verh. Zool.-Bot. Ges. Wien 60: 74. 1910. — Hayek, Prodr. Fl. Penin. Balc. 1: 437. 1925. — Jávorka & Csapody, Ic. Fl. Hung. pl. 211, fig. 1589. 1930. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syr., Palest. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1: 89. 1932. — Krause, Ankaranin Floru 73. 1934. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 72. 1936. — Heywood, Repert. Sp. Nov. 64(1): 54. 1961. — Quezel & Santa, Nouv. Fl. Algér. 1: 410. 1962. — Rech. Ark. Bot. 5(1): 169. 1963. — Dudley in Rech. Fl. Lowland Iraq 307. 1964. — Ball & Dudley in Flora Europaea 1: 299. 1964. Syntypes Crimea and Caucasus, Tauria et Armenia, Stephan s.n. (B, non vidi). Lectotype, Tauria, Stephan s.n. (B, non vidi); isolectotype (G-DC).

Annual, with many erect, ascending or rarely prostrate stems. Leaves linear and lanceolate $(5-)8-10(-25) \times (0.5-)1-2.5$ mm.; the lower gradually attenuate, the upper short petiolate. Sepals 1.2-2 mm. long. Petals only slightly longer than sepals, 1.2-2.4 mm. long, emarginate, and pale yellow to whitish. Long filaments unidentate, 1-1.5 mm. long. short filaments 0.8-1.5 mm. long; appendages 0.3-0.4 mm. long. Fruits obovate or broadly elliptic, obtuse, $3.5-7 \times 2-4.5$ mm., glabrous; locules 4-6(-8)-ovulate. Styles 0.1-0.5 mm. long. 2n = 14-16. Fl. Feb.-July. Two varieties are recognized.

- A. Plant erect; stems stout, greenish; indumentum of stellate hairs with few and long rays; fruiting racemes elongate, multi-branched, 3-7 cm. long; leaves 10-25 × 1-2.5 mm.
- A. Plant reduced; stems slender, grayish; indumentum of stellate hairs with few or many, short rays; fruiting racemes condensed, rarely branched, 1-3 cm. long; leaves 5-8 × 0.5-1.3 mm. b. Var. teheranicum.

a. Var. linifolium.

Meniocus serpyllifolium Desv. Jour. Bot. 3: 173. 1814, nomen nudum — non Alyssum serpyllifolium Desf. 1798.

Alyssum linearifolium LaGasca, Gen. & Sp. Pl. 19. 1816. (!). Holotype, Spain, locis ardis prope Moxente oppidum Regni Valentini, LaGasca 146

(MA, non vidi); isotype (G-DC).

Meniocus linifolius (Steph. ex Willd.) DC. Syst. Nat. 2: 325. 1821 (!); DC. Prodr. 1: 165. 1824. — Delessert, Ic. Select. Pl. 2: 13. tab. 42. 1823. — Meyer in Ledebour, Fl. Alt. 3: 45. 1831; in Ledebour, Fl. Ross. 1: 134. 1842. — Mora, Fl. Fan. Esp. & Portugal 6: 572. 1873. — Colmeiro, Pl. Penin. Hisp.-Lusit. 157. 1885. — Busch in Kuznet., Busch & Fomin, Fl. Cauc. Crit. 3(4): 607. 1909; Fl. Sibir. & Orient. Extr. 6: 558. 1931; in Fl. U.R.S.S. 8: 359. 1939. — Cadevall & Sallent, Fl. Catal. 1: 147. 1915. — Popov, Man. Fl. Tashkent, fasc. 1 & 2. fig. 222. 1923–1924. — Fedtschenko, Fl. Ross. Austro-Orient. 5: 441. pl. 389. 1931. — Grossh. Fl. Kavk. ed. 2. 4: 220. tab. 25, fig. 7. 1950. — I. V. Pavlov (Ed.), Fl. Kazakhstan 4: 282. tab. 35, fig. 12. 1961.

Meniocus australasicus Turcz. Bull. Soc. Nat. Moscou 27(2): 297. 1854 (!). Holotype, West Australia, Nova Hollandia, collection no. 4, Drummond 127

(LE, non vidi); isotypes (BM, G, GH, K, OXF, W).

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: a common and widespread weed of ruderal and cultivated lands, roadsides, vineyards, sandy and conglomerate hillsides, gravelly plains, steppe, Macchie, calcareous and gypsum outcrops throughout most of central, western, and southern Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East, Caucasia, and extending east to Afghanistan and Pakistan, and north to Siberia; alt. 50–2700 m. Naturalized and relatively common in New South Wales of Australia.

Spain. Valley of Segura, Bourgeau 577 (E, G, GH, K, W); Cerros del Reagajal, nr. Aranjuez, 600 m., Font Quer & Gros 26 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Prov. Teruel, Sierra de Valanche, Reverchon s.n. (E); Prov. Almeria, Muria, 1200 m., Reverchon 851 (E, W); nr. Cazorla, 1200 m., Reverchon s.n. (W). North Africa. Oran, Plateau le Kreider, 1000 m., 17 Apr. 1911, Faure (E); Oran, Warion s.n. (E). Russia. Crimea, 1816, Bieberstein (G-DC); Tauria, 1820, Steven (G-DC); Crimea, Busch s.n. (W); Odessa, 1846, Nordmann (K); ibid., Rehmann s.n. (E) Podolia, 1820, Andrezejowski (G-DC); Podolia, Besser s.n. (K, W); Illyria, Willdenow s.n. (G-DC); Russian Armenia, Talin, Karmrashen (Karaburun)-Ashnak, 9 June 1959, Aslanian & Karpaetian (W); Mt. Bogutli, nr. Alages (Aragots), Lagowski s.n. (GH); Caucasus, Callier 539 (BM, K, W); ibid., Callier 4211, 258 (G); Daghestan, 1874, Becker (K, W); Azerbaidjan, Pichler 150 (G); Transcaucasus, Holmberg 533 (W); ibid., 800 m., 1888, Conrath (G); Tanaim, Goldberg s.n. (G-DC); Nachitschevan, Dzhulfa-Darosnan, 3 May 1934, Karjagin (A); ibid., nr. Aliablast, 13 May 1934, Grossheim & Gurvitsh (K); Georgian Caucasus,

1831, Hohenacker (BM, K, W); ibid., 1838, Hohenacker (G, K, W); Achabzich, Radde 412 (K); Prov. Elisabethpol, nr. Elisabethpol, Apr. 1900, Fedossejew (A, G, W); Prov. Fergana, dist. Kokand, S. of Kanibadam, 1913, Minkwitz (GH); Kurtuk, Kurtu river, 12 May 1930, Serowa & Ryschowa (A); Kirghiz S. S. R., Prov. Semirechensk, dist. Pishpek, Atbashansk, Chu river, Tsintserling (A, GH); Siberia, Suddagh, Pallas s.n. (BM); Uskut, Pallas s.n. (BM); Dauria, nr. Astracan, 1819, Fischer (G-DC); ibid., 1828, Prestcott (K); Songarei, 1831, Schrenk (G, GH, W); Siberia, 1819, Sprengel (G-DC); Catherinoslavo, Borysthenes nr. Alexandrovsk, 1865, Grüner (BM); Altai, Ledebour 329 & Meyer 46 (W). Romania. Basarabia, dist. Ismail, nr. Satu, 2-10 m., Borza 654 (E). Turkey. A3: Prov. Ankara, NW. of Beypazari-Nallihan, Kühne 395 (stu); Kirzbepe, Kühne 730 (STU). A4: Prov. Kastamonu, Seker-Köprü (Kure-Kastamonu), 1892, Sintenis 3773 (G, K, W). A5: Prov. Amasya, Amasya, 400-600 m., 1889, Bornmüller 1340 (E, K, W). A6: Prov. Tokat, Tokat, 600-700 m., 1893, Bornmüller 3244 (G, K, W). A7: Prov. Gümüşane, Bayburt-Gümüşane, 1700 m., Stainton 8222 (E). A8: Prov. Gümüşane, Gümüşane, Bourgeau 39 (w). A9: Prov. Kars, Kağizman-Tuzluca, Sauer 269 (E. ISTF); Tusuz, 1800 m., Davis 29576 (A, BM, E, K). A/B8: Prov. Erzurum/Gümüşane, Bayburt-Erzurum, 1853, Huet (E, G). B1: Prov. Manisa, Sipyli (Manisadağ), 700-900 m., Bornmüller 9070 (G, W). B2: Prov. Uşak, Ouchak (Uşak), 910-940 m., Balansa 1251 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W). B3; Prov. Eskisehir, Eskisehir, Turkish Sugar Co. 475, 477 (BM, E); Prov. Afyonkarahissar, dist. Emirdağ-Bolvadin, 10 km. S. of Emirdag, 1100 m., Huber-Morath 13726 (E, HM). B4: Prov. Ankara, Ankara nr. Judyie, 385 m., 1929, Bornmüller 13853 (BM, G); Ankara, Frères E. C. 244 (G); 13 Apr. 1958, Kühne (STU); Merton 3279, 3286 (E, K); Görz 15 (BM, G); Prov. Konya, Yavşan Memlehasi nr. Tuz gölü, Davis 18691, 31807 (BM, E, K); Prov. Niğde/Konya, 4 km. from Halkenli köy, W. side of Tuz gölü, 1000 m., Dudley, D. 35928 (E). B5: Prov. Kayseri, plaine de Césarée (Kayseri), 1107 m., Balansa 990 (E, G, GH, K, W). B6: Prov. Maras, Elbistan, 1500 m., Davis 27642 (A, BM, E, K). B7: Prov. Elâziğ, Egin (Kemaliye), June 1853, Huet (G, W). B8: Prov. Erzurum, Erzurum, June 1853, Huet (G); Zohrab 376 (K). C2: Prov. Antalya, Elmali-Korkuteli, 5 miles from Elmali, 1120 m., Dudley, D. 35211 (E). C3: Prov. Burdur, Burdur, May 1845, Heldreich (BM, E, K, G, W); Prov. Konya, Konya-Beyşehir, 4 km. from Beypazari, Dudley, D. 35840 (E). C4: Prov. Konya, Konya-Sultanhani, 18 miles from Konya, 1050 m., Dudley, D. 35918a (A, E); Çumra distr., Kücük köy, Helbaek 2557 (E); Niğde, Ala dağ, nr. Çukur dağ, 1900-2060 m., Parry 64 (E). Additional Turkish specimens: Huber-Morath 10990, 12817, 13721, 13724, 14803 (HM); Dudley, D. 35957, D. 35840 (E); Caria, Kirk s.n. (E); Lycia, Sorkoon (?), Forbes 48 (K); Armenia, Szowits s.n. (G, GH, K, W); 1867, Calvert & Zohrab (E, G, K); idem 45, p.p. (OXF). Syria. Quaryatein, Davis 5726B, 5602 (E, K); Quaryatein-Rat Tush, Davis 5634 (E, K); Russell s. n. (BM, G-DC). Palestine. Wadi Musa-Moan (Transjordan), 1219 m., Davis 8691 (E, K); Plaine de Amalites, Apr.-May 1846, Boissier (G); Ain-Musa, 16 Apr. 1929, Eig et al. (G, W); 20 km. S. of Moan, 18 Apr. 1923, idem (G, W); Wadi Hasá-Ain Musa, 17 Apr. 1929, idem (G, W); Kal. Hasa-Kal. Anezé, 17 Apr. 1929, idem (G, W). Syria/Iraq. Aleppo-Mosul, Oliver s.n. (G-DC). Iraq. Baqubak, Rogers 45, p.p. (K); Jarmo, Helbaek 306 (K); Jazira, 20 km. NW. of Falija, Guest & Rawi 13649 (K); Mosul-Kirkuh, Guest 625 (K); Karbala liwa, ca. 15 km. W. of Karbala, Gillett & Rawi 6375 (K); 18 km. S. of Rutba, 640 m., Rawi 14634 (K); Thukhaib, 280 m., Rawi 14795 (K); 50 km. E. of Samarra, Asila, 10 km. N. of Shaikh

Mohamma, 50 m., Rawi 20480 (K); ibid., Rechinger 13452 (w); 4 km. E. of Samarra, 65 m., Rawi 20329 (K); ibid., Rechinger 13500 (W); Truleal-e-Has, Rechinger 4330 (w); Mesopotamian desert, 15 Sept. 1919, Watson (K); Oguhah, Graham 25 (BM); Euphrates, Meskare-Der-es-Sor, Sabcha-Tibne, 250-350 m., Handel-Mazzetti 542 (w); Kaijum-Abukenal, 120-180 m., Handel-Mazzetti 652 (w); Mejadin-Salbije, 180 m., Handel-Mazzetti 632 (w); Assyria, Kerkcik, 1893, Bornmüller 894 (G); Jabal Hamrun, Muqdadija (Sharaban)-Jalaula, Rechinger 14212 (w). Iran. Prov. Khorasan, Turbat-e-Haidari, 1300 m., Rechinger 4346 (G, W); ibid., ca. 30 km. from Meshhed, Rechinger 1502 (w); Mt. Kopet Dagh, nr. Alamli, 2000 m., Rechinger 4670, p.p. (w); Djenaran-Kucan, Rechinger 7519, p.p. (w); Schiras-Kamareyi, 200-600 m., Apr. 1868, Haussknecht (BM, G); Sultanabad nr. Kaswin, 1524 m., Lindsay 29, 32 (BM); Transcaspian, 1900, Sintenis 165 (G, K, W); 10 km. E. of Zorab, 1667 m., Cowan & Darlington 1615 (K); Prov. Hamadan, Kharaghan (Hamadan), Sabeti 94 (W); Faghire nr. Hamadan, Sabeti 225 (W); Aq Bulaq, ca. 100 km. N. of Hamadan, Rioux & Golvan 210, 213 (w); Mt. Elburs, Demawend, 2640 m., 22 July 1936, Gilli (w); Keredj, Rechinger 526 (w); ibid., 27 Apr. 1934, Gauba (W); Mazanderan, Bashm Kuh (Shahmirzad), N. of Baslm, 2700 m., Wendelbo 1341 (BG, E); Haraz valley, W. of Siah Bisheh, 700 m., Wendelbo 428b (BG, E); Bakhtiari, Oregon, Damane-Kuh, 2300 m., Wendelbo 1727 (BG, E); Kerman, Kerman-Saidabad (Sirdjan), Mashiz-Khan-e-Sorck, 2000-2580 m., Rechinger 3051 (E, G, K, W); Mt. Djamal Bariz, Bam-Djiroft, Deh Bakri, 2100 m., Rechinger 3805 (G, K, W); Rescht-Teheran, Ruiobar-Mendschel, 300-400 m., 1902, Bornmüller 6243 (G). Kuweit. Shaiba, 23 Aug. 1919, Watson & Sharples (K). Afghanistan. Hari-rud valley, Aitchison 160, 430, (GH, K); Istalif, 1800-1840 m., Gilli 1087, p.p.; 1088 (w); Kamardtal, W. of Duab, 1630 m., Gilli 1078 (w); Prov. Kabul, Chord Kabul, E. of Kabul, 2280 m., Gilli 1090 (w); Koh-i-Asmir, 1900 m., Wendelbo 2733 (BG); ca. 15 km. W. of Sarobi, 1100 m., Wendelbo 2791 (BG); Sarobi, Volk 2454 (W); 20 km. E. of Lataband, 1800 m., Wendelbo 3022 (BG); Qual-e-Eslan, 25 km. S. of Kabul, 1830 m., Wendelbo 3204 (BG). Pakistan. North-West Frontier, Parachinar, Kurram Valley, 2134 m., Stewart 28117 (MICH); Stewart 14738 (K); Peshin, 1550 m., Lace 3308 (E, K); Murqudochen, Stokes 942 (K).

Specimens intermediate between the two varieties are known to occur in Afghanistan: Otipore, Chokey and Korobat, Griffith 1519, ex hb. Lehmann (K); Griffith 1415 (GH).

Alyssum linifolium is one of the most widespread species in the genus, and is quite variable in the size of its leaves and fruits, and in its stature. However, with the exception of the variety which follows (var. teheranicum), the minor variations do not warrant nomenclatural recognition. One interesting variation occurs on plants (e.g. Davis 18691 and Dudley, D. 35928) growing in extreme saline habitats. The leaves of these plants are very narrow and conduplicate, resembling those of A. meniocoides. This character, however, is not constant, for the plants assume a normal appearance immediately outside the salt areas.

The closest allies of Alyssum linifolium are A. meniocoides and A. aureum, both of section Meniocus. From these, A. linifolium may be easily distinguished by its wingless seeds, much shorter styles, and smaller floral parts.

Professor Zohary (Palest. Jour. Bot. Jer. ser. 2(2/3): 162. 1941) maintains that Alyssum minimum L. (Sp. Pl. 2: 651. 1753) is the correct binomial for this species, and that A. linifolium is a synonym. Examination of Linnaeus's specimen of A. minimum (LINN. 828:8) proves without any doubt that this is not the case; A. minimum L. can only be treated as a synonym of Lobularia maritima (L.) Desv. (Basionym: Clypeola maritima L. Sp. Pl. 2: 652. 1753). A. minimum sensu Willd. (Willd. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 4. 3(1): 464. 1800) clearly is not the same taxon as A. minimum L., but may be identified rather as A. desertorum Stapf.

b. Var. teheranicum Bornm. Bull. Herb. Boiss. II. 4: 1269. 1904 (!).

— Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 746. 1952. Holotype, Iran, in vallis oppidi
Teheran, 1150 m., 20 Feb. 1892, Bornmüller 2155 (B, non vidi);
isotypes (BM, E, G, K, OXF, W).

Alyssum (Meniocus) cupreum Freyn & Sint. Bull. Herb. Boiss. II. 3: 695.
1903 (!). — Fedtschenko, Fl. Turkest. 1: 47. 1906. Holotype, Russia, Regio
Transcaspica, Krasnowodsk in arenosis montium, 17 Mar. 1900, Sintenis 18
(BRNU, non vidi); isotypes (BM, E, G, K, W).

Meniocus linifolius f. microcarpus Busch in Kuznet., Busch & Fomin, Fl. Cauc. Crit. 3(4): 610. 1909. Holotype, Russian Armenia, in tractu Bort-

schalo in Somchetia, 1837, Koch 143 (LE, non vidi).

Alyssum linifolium var. cupreum (Freyn & Sint.) Dudley in Hedge, Årbok Univ. Bergen, Mat.-Naturv. No. 13: 6. 1963 (!).

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: scattered in extreme steppic conditions, loose gravel, dry limestone hillsides, desert, and serpentine substrates of Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Caucasia, Azerbaidjan, Afghanistan and Pakistan; alt. 200–2000 m.

Turkey. A2 (E): Prov. Istanbul, Rumel Hissar, 16 May 1915, Post (G). A4: Prov. Ankara, Çubuk, 1000 m., Markgraf (z). B4: Prov. Ankara, 7 Apr. 1958, Kühne (stu). C4: Prov. Konya, Agios Philippos (Hagios Philibos), Post 15 (G). C5: Prov. Nigde/Adana, Ulukisla-Pozanti, 900 m., Davis 26300 (BM, E, K). Cappadocia, 1834, Montbret (K). Asia Minor, Aucher 280 (G, K); ibid., Aucher 4100 (BM, G, K, W). Syria. Palmyra, 200 m., Dinsmore 22497 (K). Iraq. Dist. Kiruk (Kurdistan), ad confines Persiae, Khanaquin, Rechinger 14128 (w); Mosul, 200 m., Bugloss 8 (k). Iran. Prov. Teheran, Kishlak (Garmsar), Seman-Teheran, 900 m., Rechinger 2773b (w); nr. Teheran, 1220 m., 1892, Bornmüller 2154 (E, G, K, W); ibid., Schmid 5102 (G); Kom, 1892, Bornmüller 2153 (G); Chononsar, 1900 m., 1892, Bornmüller 2151 (G, K, W); Bornmüller 2156 (BM, E, G, K, OXF, W); Teheran-Davudieh hills, 1400 m., Wendelbo 97a (BG, E); Persepolis, Kotschy 1053 (G, W); S. of Tabriz, Gilliat-Smith 1351, 1352, 1336, 1338 (K); 39 km. W. of Kermanshah, 1372 m., Cowan & Darlington 2618 (K); Shershah, Mar. 1859, Bunge (G, K); Kerind, Evans 37 (E); Prov. Kazvin, Keredj, nr. Kalak, 1600 m., Rechinger 2745 (G, W); Mt. Elburs, Keredj-Kalak, Rechinger 143 (w); Prov. Isfahan, Kuh Pah, 1700 m., Rechinger 2714 (w); Abadeh-Daulatabad, 1500-2000 m., Schmid 5313, 5318 (G); Fars, Takht-i-Jamshed, Koelz 14420 (E, W); Prov. Khorasan, Robat Safid, 1800-2000 m., Rechinger 7335 (w); Mazanderan, Haraz valley above Panjab. 1300 m., Wendelbo 303 (BG, E); Prov. Baluchistan, Khash (Vasht)-Iranshahr

(Bampur), Mt. Karvandar, 1500–1600 m., Rechinger 3958 (w). Russia. Azerbaidjan, Zelizabethpol (Elizavetpol), 1882, Pichler (G, GH, W); Krasnowodsk, 1900, Sintenis 17 (E, G, K); 1900, Sintenis 19 (G). Afghanistan. Kabul-Paghman, 1880–1910 m., Gilli 1089a, 1089b (W); Kabul, Scher Darwasah, 1790–1840 m., Gilli 1081, 1082, 1083, 1085 (W); ibid., Neubauer 537 (W); ibid., Koh-e-Tschelsotun, 1810 m., Gilli 1084 (W); Kabul, Gilli 1091 (W); E. of Kabul, Budchak, 1770 m., Gilli 1080 (W); Dschmal Baba, S. of Kandahar, 1000 m., Gilli 1077 (W); Kodananebene-Istalif, 1750 m., Gilli 1079 (W); Istalif, 1800 m., Gilli 1087, p.p. (W); Sarobi, Volk 2455, p.p. (W); Pule Surkh nr. Tsharikar, Neubauer 542 (W); nr. Kabul, NW. of Aliabader Mt., 1800 m., Gilli 1086 (W); ibid., Collett 12 (K). West Pakistan. Quelta, Kitta Aboulla, Duthie 8577, 8578 (G, K).

The differential characters of Alyssum linifolium var. teheranicum are consistent in small and scattered populations throughout the southeastern range of the species. The type specimens of var. teheranicum are morphologically identical to those of A. cupreum, the latter name is, therefore, placed in synonymy. Bornmüller used yet another varietal name for this taxon in exsiccatae, but without a Latin description. This epithet referred to the dense, metallic-colored indumentum.

Alyssum meniocoides Boiss. Ann. Sci. Nat. Paris II. 17: 158. 1842 (!). — Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 286. 1867. — Handel-Mazzetti, Ann. Naturh. Mus. Wien 27: 52. 1913. — Boul. Fl. Liban. & Syr. 32. pl. 38, fig. 11. 1930. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syr., Palest. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1: 89. 1932. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 72. 1936. — Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 747. fig. 621. 1952. — Rech. Ark. Bot. 5(1): 170. 1963. — Dudley in Rech. Fl. Lowland Iraq 307. 1964. Holotype, Mesopotamia, Aucher 281 (G); isotypes (BM, K, OXF).

Meniocus filifolius Jaub. & Spach, Ill. Pl. Or. 1: 107. tab. 53B. 1843 (!), non Alyssum filifolium Wahlenberg, 1826. (Cf. Dudley, Jour. Arnold Arb. 45(3): 372. 1964). Holotype, Aucher 281 (P, non vidi); isotypes (BM, G [holotype of A. meniocoides], K, OXF).

Alyssum tetraspermum Bertol. Miscell. Bot. 2: 12. 1843 (!). Holotype, Turkey, C6: Euphrates, ex campis ad Portum William (S. of Birecik),

Mar. 1836, Chesney 25 (Bolo, non vidi); isotypes (BM, G, K).

Alyssum kermanshahensis Cowan ex Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 733. fig. 607. 1952 (!). Holotype, Persia, 39 miles E. of Kermanshah, 1372 m., 29 Mar. 1929, Cowan & Darlington 354 (K).

Annual, stems slender, 3–10 cm. tall. Leaves (5.5–)10–18 mm. long, ± conduplicate. Petals obovate, entire, (1.5–)2–3.5 mm. long. Long filaments 1.5–2 mm. long, terminated with bifid apices 0.3–0.4(–0.5) mm. long. Short filaments 1–1.5 mm. long, with always bifid appendages 0.5–1 mm. long. Fruits glabrous. Styles 0.5–1 mm. long. Seed wings 0.1–0.2 mm. wide. Fl. Feb.-Apr.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: fallow fields, steppe, limestone slopes, and sometimes associated with Quercus aegilops forests in Mesopotamia of

southeastern Turkey, the Syrian desert, Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan; alt. 100-2000 m.

Turkey. C6: Prov. Gaziantep, Aintab (Gaziantep), Apr. 1886, Shepard (GH, K); 10 Apr. 1884, Post (BM); Yonas, Euphrates, 25 km. E. of Gaziantep, 914 m., Haradjian 1770a (E, G, K, W); Bal Zus (Balkis) nr. Birecik, 1200 m., Haradjian 1043 (G, W); Merza nr. Birecik, 1888, Sintenis 131 (BM, E, G, K, W); Prov. Hatay, Amurk nr. Hassa, Amanus dağ-Kurt dağ, Haradjian 889 (G, W). C7: Prov. Gaziantep, Rum Kala (Halfeti), 1888, Sintenis 157, approaching A. aureum (BM, E, G, K, W); Prov. Urfa, Djebel Taktak (Tektek dag) Apr. 1867, Haussknecht (BM, K, W). C8: Prov. Mardin, Mardin, 1894, Post (BM, G). Syria. Isiayah, 1 Apr.-1 May 1900, Post (BM, G); Nebk, Davis 5528, approaching A. aureum (E, K); Dayr-'Atiyyah, Post (BM); ibid., 1200 m., Post 13815 (E, G, K); ibid., May 1879, Post (BM); Aleppo, Russell s.n. (BM); ibid., Lesier 452 (E); ibid., June 1867, Haussknecht (G, W); Turmanin nr. Aleppo, 1865, Haussknecht, p.p. with A. aureum (G, W); Jabul-Gourn, 950 m., Dinsmore 19815 (G, к); Palmyra, 400 m., Dinsmore 20497 (к); ibid., Snoi-Teida, Djebel Abour, Blanche 2887 (G); Damascus, Apr. 1928, Druce (oxf); ibid., 14 Apr. 1894, Péronin (G); ibid., Djebel Kharbi, Gaillardot 1546 (G); ibid., Sasoa-Kisive, 671 m., Feb. 1945, Norris (BM); 10-15 km. from Damascus, 503-914 m., 4 Mar. 1945, Norris (BM); nr. Baalbak, 12 Mar. 1867, Fox (K); Horms-Hama, 2000 m., Haradjian 4099 (G); Armel Wir'al-Am'El Beidha, 8 Apr. 1890, Post (BM). Palestine. Busrah-Kurayyah, 900 m., Dinsmore 2460, approaching A. aureum (G, K); Moab-Qual'at Ziza, Feinbrun & Zohary 327 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Amman-Ziza, 15 Apr. 1929, Eig et al. (G, W); Ziza, 700 m., Dinsmore 11815 (E, G, K); Es-Salt-'Amman, Apr. 1895, Post (G); Umel Ammud, 15 Apr. 1929, Eig et al. (G, w). Lebanon. Wadi Karn, Yabrud (Zebrad), Post 88 (G); Zeferya-Beyrout, 21 May 1881, Péronin (G); Beyrout plain, 100 m., Maitland 70 (K). Iraq. Zawita, Mosul liwa, Polunin et al. 47 (BM, E, G, GH, K); Hieropolis, Mar. 1867, Haussknecht, p.p. with A. aureum (G, K, W); Euphrates, Abu Herera. Meskene-Der-es-Sor, 205-350 m., Handel-Mazzetti 424, approaching A. aureum (w); Tuz Khurmatli, Rogers 349 (K); Kirkuh, Rogers 74 (K); Duleam liwa, 6 km. above Ana, 130 m., Gillett & Rawi 6967 (K); Erbil liwa, Slahaddin, 1000 m., idem 10423 (K); Suleimaniya liwa, Givija forest, 1100 m., idem 10623 (K); L'Alders, 1919, Hanna (BM). Iran. Teheran, Davudieh hills, 1400 m., Wendelbo 97b (BG, E); distr. Kermanshah, Qualapoin, 22 km. E. of Kermanshah, 1280 m., Bent & Wright 112, p.p., 125, p.p. (w); 39 miles E. of Kermanshah, 1372 m., Cowan & Darlington 256 (K); Prov. Luristan, Durud, Koelz 17103 (E, MICH, w); Teheran, Farahabad, Sabeti 182 (w); nr. Kaswin (Mazraeh), 1200 m., Schmid 5050, 5045 (G); ibid., Schmid 5055 (W); ibid., Stutz 711 (BRY, W). Afghanistan. Obeh, 1700 m., Koie 3782 (w); Prov. Bamian, Danak Siakr, 10 km. from Doab, 1500 m., Wendelbo 3418 (BG, E).

In collections containing both Alyssum meniocoides and A. aureum in Mesopotamia, the diagnostic characters of each remain quite clear, and A. aureum is still flowering when A. meniocoides has mature fruit. Although both species occasionally occur in the same population, neither has any apparent ecological or altitudinal preferences; however, A. aureum replaces A. meniocoides in central and eastern Anatolia. The petals of some specimens (e.g. Sintenis 131 & 157) approach in size those of A. aureum; likewise the leaves of these specimens are somewhat atypical

and more or less resemble those of A. aureum. In all other respects, however, these plants possess all the other characters of A. meniocoides. Collectors have frequently confused A. meniocoides with A. linifolium, which occurs commonly throughout the same geographical areas, but the former has winged seeds, longer styles, larger floral parts, and generally narrower and conduplicate leaves.

Alyssum aureum (Fenzl) Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 286. 1867 (!). — Boul. Fl. Liban. & Syr. 32. 1930. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syr., Palest. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1: 89. 1932. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 72. 1936. — Rech. Ark. Bot. 5(1): 166. 1963.

Meniocus aureus Fenzl, Pug. Pl. Nov. Syr. & Taur. Occid. 1: 13. 1842 (!). Holotype, Syria, circa Aleppo, 22 Mar. 1841, Kotschy 27 (w); isotypes (BM, E, G, GH, K, OXF).

Meniocus grandiflorus Jaub. & Spach, Ill. Pl. Or. 1: 105. tab. 53A. 1843 (!). Syntypes, Kotschy 27 & Aucher 4100 (BM, E, G, K, W). Lectotype, Kotschy 27 (P, non vidi); isolectotypes (BM, E, G, GH, K, OXF, W).

Alyssum pleiospermum Fenzl, Ill. & Desc. Pl. Nov. Syr. & Taur. Occid. 54. 1843 (!). Holotype, Kotschy 27 (w), isotypes (BM, E, G, GH, K, OXF).

Alyssum meniocoides var. aureum (Fenzl) Zohary, Pal. Jour. Bot. Jer. Ser. 2(2/3): 162. 1941 (!).

Annual, with stout stems, (3-)5-20 cm. tall. Leaves (8.5-)12-30 mm. long, and always flat. Petals golden, spathulate, retuse or bilobed, 4-6.5 mm. long. Long filaments 2-4 mm. long, wing terminated with lanceolate or bifid apex, 0.5-1 mm. long. Short filaments 2-3 mm. long with lanceolate or bifid appendages 1-1.5 mm. long. Fruits glabrous. Styles 1-1.8 mm. long. Seed wing 0.2-0.4 mm. wide. Fl. Mar.-June.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: dry cultivated lands, steppe and marly vineyards in Lycaonia, the Upper Euphrates region and Mesopotamia of Turkey, the Syrian desert of Western Syria and Palestine; alt. 400–2500 m.

Turkey. B6: Prov. Malatya, Derinje (Darende), 18 Apr. 1917, McDaniels (CU). B7: Prov. Erzincan, Sürek, 1890, Sintenis 130b (G); Prov. Elâziğ, Elâziğ-Kale, 22 km. E. of Elâziğ, 1300 m., Davis 28938 (BM, E, K); Harput, Noë 857 (G); Prov. Malatya, Malatya, 1000–2500 m., Ajtaikovitch (W); Arapkir-Denizli, 1889, Sintenis 153 (E, W). C4: Prov. Konya, Ayos Philibos (Hagios Philippos), nr. Konya, Post B16 (G); Çumra dist., Kücük köy, Helbaek 2400 (E). C6: Prov. Gaziantep, Yonas, 25 km. E. of Gaziantep, 914 m., Haradjian 1770b (G). C7: Prov. Urfa, Djebel Taktak (Tektek dağ), Apr. 1867, Haussknecht, p.p. (BM). Syria. Turmainen nr. Aleppo, 396 m., 12 Mar. 1865, Haussknecht, p.p. with A. meniocoides (G, W); Aleppo, Haussknecht 98 (G); Yab Sam, 400 m., Dinsmore 20409 (G, K); Kalat, Rogers 599b (K); Djebel Muhassan, 12 Mar. 1863, Haussknecht (G); El Jebath-El Beithata, 11 Apr. 1890, Post, p.p. with A. meniocoides (BM); Haurân, Post s.n. (BM). Palestine. Amman-Ziza, Eig & Zohary 1929 (HUJ); Amman-Abu Jaber, 1000 m., Samuelsson 2838 (W). Iraq. nr. Mosul of Kirkuk, Guest s.n. (K); Baghdad nr. Kamaracha, 1822, Olivier

(G); Hieropolis, Mar. 1867, Haussknecht, p.p. with A. meniocoides (G, K, W); ibid., 1782, Michaux (G).

The species Meniocus pleiospermum and M. grandiflorus are based on the same type material (Kotschy 27) as M. aureus, the basionym of Alyssum aureum. The other syntype of M. grandiflorus (Aucher 4100) is correctly referred to Alyssum linifolium var. teheranicum.

Zohary (Pal. Jour. Bot. Jer. Ser. 2(2/3): 162. 1941) considered that the differences between A. aureum and A. meniocoides were very slight, and recombined A. aureum as a variety of the latter species. A. aureum may be distinguished from A. meniocoides by its considerably longer styles, larger and retuse or bilobed petals, larger fruit, and usually flat and wider leaves. Although the distinction in petal size and leaf form occasionally breaks down (cf. note under A. meniocoides), the much longer styles, and the always retuse or bilobed petals remain diagnostic for A. aureum. Furthermore, these species retain their identity in regions of overlap, and they clearly have different flowering times.

The inclusion of A. aureum by Parsa (Fl. Iran 1: 747. fig. 622. 1952) is probably an error. With the exception of this reference, A. aureum has not been recorded from Iran, and no Iranian specimens have been seen at Kew, upon whose collections Parsa based his work. These materials, and Parsa's illustration lead me to conclude that A. aureum sensu Parsa is, in fact, A. minutum.

 Alyssum huetii Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 287. 1867 (!). Syntypes, Turkey, 11 May 1869, Bourgeau; Balansa 1252, Kotschy 206, and June-4 July 1853, Huet. Lectotype, Turkey, B8: Prov. Erzurum, in neglectis circa Erzurum, 1829 m., June-4 July 1853, Huet (G); isolectotypes (BM, K, OXF).

PL. II, FIGS. i, s. PL. III, FIG. a. PL. IV, FIG. b. TEXT-FIG. 1.

Meniocus hirsutus Boiss. & Bal. in Boiss. Diagn. 3(5): 32. 1856 (!), non Alyssum hirsutum Bieb. Holotype, Turkey, B2: Prov. Uşak Ouchak (Uşak), 910-940 m., 21 May 1857, Balansa 1252 (G); isotypes (BM, GH, K, OXF, W).

Annual, with ascending or erect stems up to 40 m. Leaves linear or oblanceolate, $(8-)30-40 \times (0.5-)2-3$ mm., \pm conduplicate, acute, increasing in size upward. Racemes simple, or rarely branched, (5-)10-20 cm. long. Pedicels spreading to horizontal, 4-6 mm. long. Sepals early deciduous, 1.7-2 mm. long, acute. Petals obovate-clavate, shallowly bilobed, $(2-)3-4 \times 1$ mm. Long filaments 2-2.5 mm. long, with unilateral wings and teeth (teeth 0.5 mm. long), never exceeding anthers. Short filaments 1.2-1.5 mm. long with connate, lanceolate and acute, or bifid appendages, as long or longer than filaments. Fruits elliptic or orbicular, obtuse or truncate, $4.5-6.5 \times 3-3.5$ mm., papillose with \pm sparse, slender

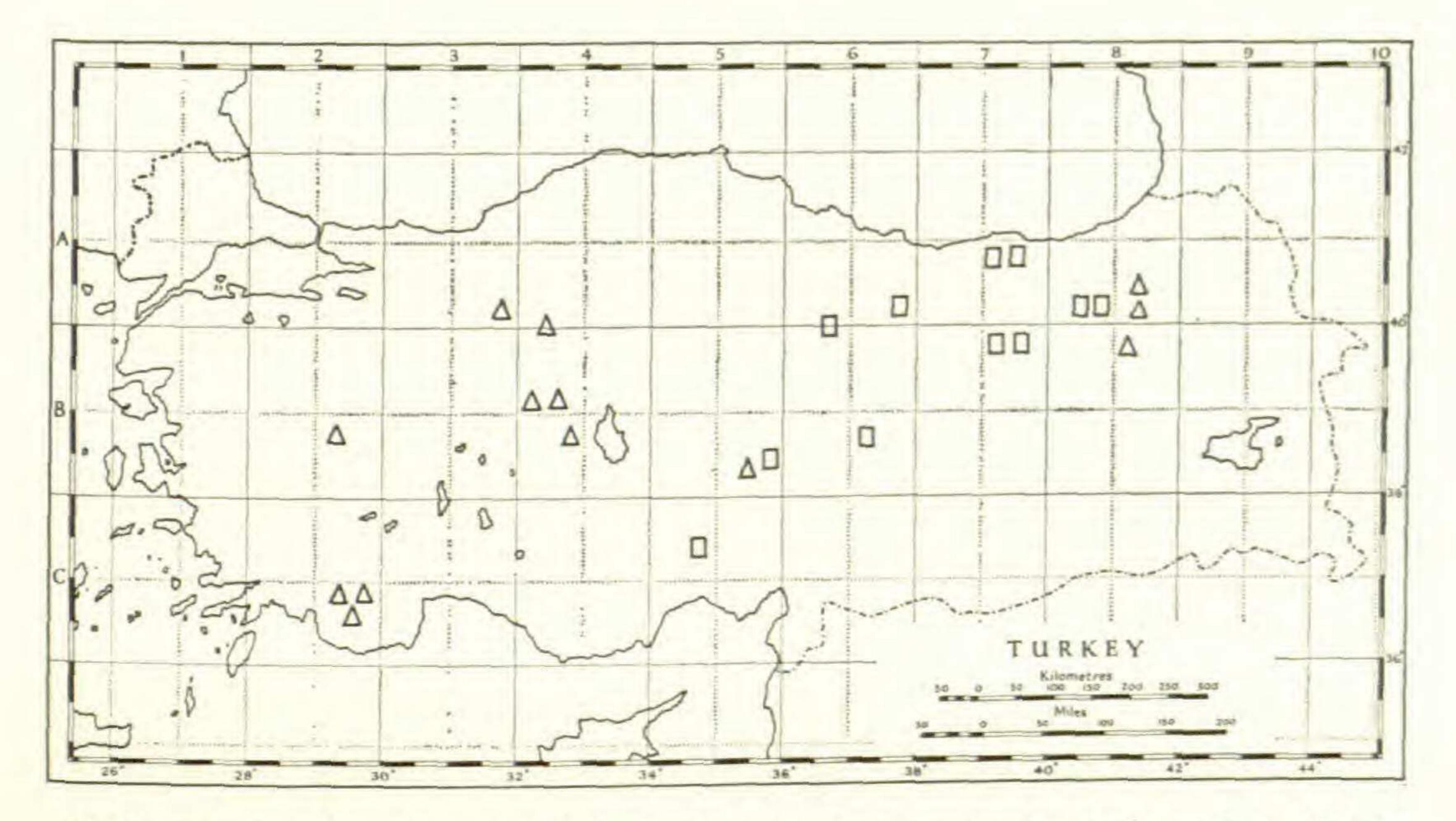
and simple tuberculate setae (0.3–0.5 mm. long); locules 4–6-ovulate. Styles stout, 0.5–1 mm. long, \pm dilated basally. Seeds narrowly winged. Fl. May–June.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: an Anatolian endemic of disturbed sites, cultivated lands and steppe, scattered mainly in Inner Anatolia, from western, southwestern and central Turkey, and extending east to the Armenian Highlands; alt. 800–2500 mm.

Turkey. A3: Prov. Ankara, 10 km. W. of Beypazari, 2 km. W. of Zavije, 1000 m., Kühne 202 (STU). A8: Prov. Erzurum, Tortum, Calvert 1240 (G). A/B4: Prov. Ankara, nr. Indize-su, 800-900 m., 1929, Bornmüller 13853 (BM, GH, K, W). B4: Prov. Ankara, Ankara, Kotte 1021 (K); Hussein nr. Ankara, Kotte 121 (K); dist. Haymana, 9 km. W. of Haymana, 1808 m., Huber-Morath 13723 (HM). B5: Prov. Kayseri, Argaei (Erciyas dağ) nr. Tpshamaki, 1600-2500 m., Kotschy 206 (G, W). B8: Prov. Erzurum, Erzurum, Calvert & Zohrab 1240 (E, G, K, OXF, W). C2: Prov. Anatalya, Elmali dağ, 11 May 1869, Bourgeau (E, GH, OXF, W); Elmali-Korkuteli, 5 km. from Elmali, 1100-1120 m., Dudley, D. 35212 (E) & Dudley, D. 35230 (A, E).

The closest ally to Alyssum huetii in Turkey is probably A. stylare, which is also an Anatolian endemic. It may be distinguished from A. stylare by its shorter and stouter styles, smaller floral parts, and sparser fruit indumentum of shorter and slender setae, and papillae. It is also closely related to A. heterotrichum from Iran and Russia.

The fact that the vast area of east-central Anatolia has been little collected probably accounts for the absence of records or specimens of A. huetii from that area, which intervenes between the presently known areas of distribution of this species.



Text-fig. 1. Map showing distribution of Alyssum huetii (\triangle), and A. stylare (\square), in Turkey.

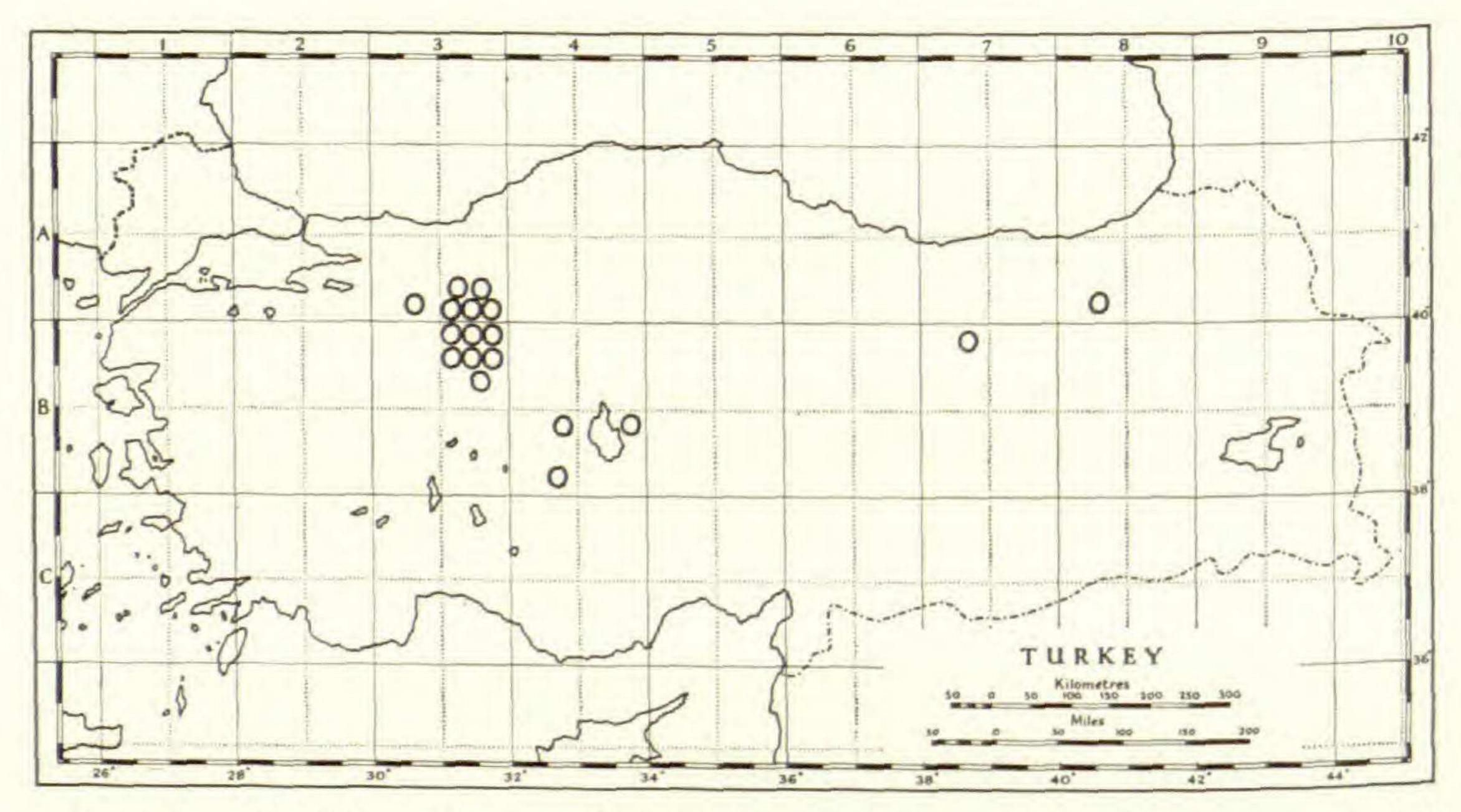
5. Alyssum stylare (Boiss. & Bal.) Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 287. 1867 (!).

Meniocus stylaris Boiss. & Bal. in Boiss. Diagn. 3(6): 16. 1859 (!). Holotype, Turkey, B5: Prov. Kayseri, inter segetes ad basin montis Karamasdagh quinque leucis ad orientem urbis Caesareae siti, c. 1500 m., June & 2 July 1856, Balansa 486 (G); isotypes (A, K, OXF, W). Text-Fig. 1.

Annual, similar to, but larger and coarser than Alyssum huetii. Leaves $(2-)8-20 \times 1.8-3$ mm., \pm conduplicate, obtuse, increasing in size upward. Inflorescence lax, multibranched and somewhat circinate, (8-)10-20 cm. long. Pedicels spreading to ascending, 5-8 mm. long. Sepals \pm persistent, 3-3.5 mm. long. Petals deeply bilobed, spathulate and clawed, $4-6 \times 2-3$ mm. Long filaments 3-4 mm. long, with unilateral teeth (0.5-0.7 mm. long) sometimes exceeding anthers. Short filaments 1.5-2.5 mm. long, with free (rarely connate) lanceolate appendages, as long or longer than filaments. Fruits elliptic to obovate, obtuse, $(4-)5-7 \times (2.5-)3-4.5$ mm., 4-8-ovulate, papillose with very dense, simple or furcate setae (0.5-1 mm. long). Styles slender 2-2.5 mm. long. Seeds wingless. Fl. May-July.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: a Turkish endemic of central and eastern Anatolia, the Upper Euphrates, the Cilician Taurus and the Anti-Taurus, in neglected fields, high steppe, and often associated with *Quercus-Poterium* scrub; alt. 1300–1850 m.

Turkey. A6: Prov. Sivas, Yaghsian-Tchoudak (nr. Kayulhisar), 1600 m., 1858, Tchihatcheff (G). A7: Prov. Gümüşane, Gümüşane, 21 May 1862, Bourgeau (G); Molirva-Mesere (nr. Sorda), 1894, Sintenis 5656 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W). A8: Prov. Gümüşane, dist. Bayburt, Gümüşane-Bayburt, 21 km. from Bayburt, 1620 m., Huber-Morath 14802 (HM); Bayburt, 11 July 1862, Bourgeau 171 (G). A/B6: Prov. Sivas Tokat, Sivas-Tokat, N. side of Artova pass,



Text-fig. 2. Map showing distribution of Alyssum blepharocarpum (O) in Turkey.

Çamlibel dağ, 1850 m., 14 June 1939, Reese (нм). B6: Prov. Maraş, dist. Elbistan, Elbistan-Darende, 28 km. NE. of Elbistan, 1300 m., Huber-Morath 12821 (нм). B7: Prov. Erzincan, Sipikor dağ (nr. Keşiş dağ), Jerbatan, 1889, Sintenis 1543 (с, к) & 1890, Sintenis 3123 (к). С5: Prov. Niğde, Pursuk nr. Ulukisla), 1300 m., 1898, Siehe 89 (вм. с, к, w).

Among the species of section Meniocus, Alyssum stylare has the longest styles, and the densest fruit indumentum which is composed of tuberculate, simple (occasionally bi- or trifurcate) setae to 1 mm. long. The furcation of the hairs on the fruit is unique in the section.

Although Alyssum stylare is sympatric in the eastern part of its range with A. blepharocarpum, it always has larger and obtuse fruits, deeply bifid petals, and wingless seeds. Its larger flowers, denser fruit indumentum, larger and broader leaves, stricter habit, and much longer, circinate inflorescences distinguish it from A. huetii.

- 6. Alyssum heterotrichum Boiss. Diagn. 1(6): 15. 1845 (!). Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 287. 1867; in Buser, Suppl. Fl. Or., 50, 1888. Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 248. fig. 620. 1952 I. V. Pavlov (Ed.), Fl. Kazakhstan 4: 281. tab. 35, fig. 10. 1961. Holotype, Iran ad muros hortorum prope ruinas Persepolis, 11 Apr. 1842, Kotschy 224 (G); isotypes (BM, E, K, OXF, W).
 - A. bungei Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 274. 1867 (!). Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 727. 1952. Holotype, Iran, hab. in Persia, inter Isfahan et Teheran, May 1859, Bunge (G); isotype (K).
 - A. betpakdalense Rubtz. Bull. Mosk. Obshch. Isp. Pri. Biol. 52(2): 87. fig. 1. 1947. Holotype, Kasahstania, desertum Betpak-dala centralis in loco Kokaschik, 20 Apr. 1940, Rubtzov (AA, non vidi).

Annual, often low and decumbent, rarely more than 10 cm. tall. Leaves oblanceolate-spathulate, flat, $7-25 \times 1-4$ mm., decreasing in size upward. Inflorescence dense, 5 cm. or less long, frequently strongly branched with lateral branches ca. $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as terminal. Pedicels ascending, 1.5-3 mm. long. Sepals \pm persistent, obtuse, 1-1.5 mm. long, with very sparse indumentum. Petals obovate, emarginate, $0.7-1(-1.5) \times 0.5-0.7$ mm., greenish yellow. Long filaments 1-1.5 mm. long, with unilateral teeth (ca. 0.5 mm. long). Short filaments 0.7-1(-1.5) mm. long, with deeply bifid and basally connate appendages, $\frac{1}{2}$ as long as filaments. Fruits narrowly elliptic-ovate or obovate, acute or attenuate (rarely otherwise), $3-4.5(-5) \times 1.5-3$ mm.; densely papillose and with simple, slender, and only slightly tuberculate setae (0.2-0.4 mm. long). Styles slender, 0.4-0.7 mm. long, glabrous. Seeds wingless. Fl. Jan.-Apr.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: dry rubble and mountain steppe in Iran, Afghanistan and Kazakhstan in Russia; alt. 1200-2000 m.

Iran. Prov. Khorasan, Djenaran-Kucan, Rechinger 7519, p.p. (w); Montes Kopet-Dagh, in jugo Alamli, ca. 2000 m., Rechinger 4760, p.p. (w); Montes Hazar Masdjid, Ardak-Tolgor, 1200–1600 m., Rechinger 5047 (w); Prov.

Hamadan, Aq Bulaq, 35° 36′ N., 48° 27′ E., ca. 100 km. N. of Hamadan, Rioux & Golvan 211 (w); Niriz, Fars, Koelz 14728 (w); Shiras, 1425 m., Pravitz 507 (s); nr. Schiraz, Dilguscha, Mar. 1868, Haussknecht (BM, G, K, W). Afghanistan. Prov. Pawan, 22 km. above Gulbahar in Panjshi valley, 1700 m., Hedge & Wendelbo 3005 (E).

The type specimens of Alyssum bungei do not deviate in any characters from material of A. heterotrichum, and accordingly the name, A. bungei, should be treated as a synonym of A. heterotrichum. Boissier considered A. bungei to be the only annual species of section Odontarrhena, but he commented that this was an artificial placement based entirely on his observation of its uniovulate fruit locules. I have examined fruits from the type material of A. bungei and have found that the fruit locules consistently contain four or five ovules. It is true, however, that only one of these ovules develops into a mature seed, while the others abort. In this case, the fruits are one-seeded and the aborted ovules are visible under magnification. A. heterotrichum is the only species in section Meniocus having setae on the fruits, and an entirely extra-Anatolian distribution.

7. Alyssum blepharocarpum Dudley & Huber-Morath, Jour. Arnold Arb. 45(1): 61. pl. I, figs. 1–13. 1964 (!). Pl. I. Text-Fig. 2. Holotype, Turkey, B4: Prov. Ankara, dist. Kadinhan, Sarayönü-Cihanbeyli, Weizenfeld, 13 km. nordöstlich Sarayönü, 870 m., 1 June 1956, Huber-Morath 13722 (HM); isotype (E).

Annual, resembling Alyssum huetii, but of more delicate habit. Leaves linear, rarely subspathulate, $(3.5-)8-20(-25) \times 0.5-2$ mm., usually decreasing in size upward. Sepals (1.5-)2.5-3 mm. long. Petals 2-4 mm. long, retuse. Long filaments (1.5-)2-3.5 mm. long, bilaterally winged, the wider wings having acute or denticulate teeth (0.5 mm. long), never exceeding the anthers. Short filaments 1.5-2 mm. long with connate, lanceolate or denticulate appendages, $\frac{1}{2}$ or more the length of filaments. Fruits ovate-orbicular, usually truncate, $3.5-4.5(-5) \times 2-3(-3.8)$ mm., papillose, or smooth, and always with sparse, short, slender tuberculate setae, at least on margins. Styles slender, (0.7-)1-2 mm. long. Seeds winged. Fl. Apr.-July.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: an endemic scattered in Inner Anatolia on disturbed lands, cultivated fields, saline steppe, and gypsum outcrops; alt. 500–1620 m.

The specimens known to date, and a discussion of this species may be found in Jour. Arnold Arb. 45(1): 61-63. 1964.

II. Section Psilonema (Meyer) Hooker

KEY TO ALL SPECIES OF SECTION PSILONEMA

A. Fruits orbicular, rotund, oblate or ovate, emarginate or obtuse, with indumentum and smooth margins; sepals persistent; leaf margins entire.

- B. Fruit indumentum monomorphic, of stellate hairs only; petals glabrous or rarely with sparse adpressed indumentum; nectaries erect or subulate (up to 2 mm. long), or if ± globose, then fruits obtuse.

 - C. Fruit indumentum of long-rayed and overlapping stellate hairs; styles with basal indumentum; petals deeply bifid; nectaries short, ± globose; fruits obtuse. 9. A. damascenum.
- B. Fruit indumentum strigose and dimorphic, of adpressed stellate hairs, and erect, furcate ± tuberculate hairs; petals with dense strigose indumentum; nectaries always reduced and globose, less than 0.4 mm. long.
 - D. Seeds winged; styles 0.5-1 mm. long, not basally dilated, glabrous, or with sparse basal indumentum of adpressed stellate hairs; leaves linear-oblanceolate, or elliptic-oblong, increasing in size upwards.

 10. A. granatense.
- A. Fruits broadly obovate, truncate, glabrous, with papillose margins; sepals deciduous; leaves minutely denticulate at apices. . . . 12. A. homalocarpum.
- 8. Alyssum alyssoides (L.)L. Amoen. Acad. 4: 487. 1759 (!); Syst. Nat. ed. 10. 2: 1130. 1759. — Hal. Consp. Fl. Graec. 1: 99. 1909. — Schinz & Thell. Bull. Herb. Boiss. II. 7: 407. 1907. — Beck, Fl. Bosne, Herceg. 2(7): 302. 1916. — Rydberg, Fl. Rocky Mt. & Adj. Plains, 347. 1923. — Hayek, Prodr. Fl. Penin. Balc. 1: 439. 1925. — Nyár. Magyar Bot. Lap. 24: tab. 1, fig. 24. 1925; Bull. Bot. Grad. Cluj 7: tab. 8, fig. 106. 1927. — Jávorka & Csapody, Ic. Fl. Hung. 7: 211. fig. 1590. 1930. — Degen, Fl. Veleb. 2: 187. 1937. — Mansfeld, Repert. Sp. Nov. 46: 114. 1939. — Rech. Fl. Aegaea 225. 1943. — Abrams, Ill. Fl. Pacific States 2: 319. fig. 2149. 1944. — Hylander, Uppsala Univ. Årsskr. 7: 182. 1945. — Fernald, Gray's Manual of Botany, ed. 8. 699. fig. 1805. 1950. — Gleason, New Britton & Brown Ill. Fl. Ne. U. S. & Adj. Canada 2: 220. 1952. — Lid, Norsk. Fl. 325. 1952. — Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 744. fig. 617. 1952. — Pawł. Fl. Tatrorum 325. 1956. — Lagerberg, Vilda Växter Nord. 2: 762. fig. 394b. 1957. — Markgraf in Hegi, Ill. Fl. Mitt.-Europa, ed. 2. 4(1): 288. tab. 125, figs. 23, 44; tab. 127, figs. 3a, b; fig. 170a. 1960. — Heywood, Repert. Sp. Nov. 64(1): 53. 1961. — Dudley, Jour. Arnold Arb. 45(1): 63-65. 1964; in Rech. Fl. Lowland Iraq 306. 1964. — Ball & Dudley in Flora Europaea 1: 299. 1964.

Annual or biennial, with few or many, erect, decumbent or ascending, rarely prostrate stems, up to 50 cm. long. Indumentum grayish-green (rarely silvery) of adpressed stellate hairs having few and \pm short rays (density variable). Leaves obovate or linear-oblanceolate, up to 4 cm. long. Racemes elongated, rarely reduced, up to 15 cm. long, and if

branched, branches never exceeding the terminal axis. *Pedicels* 2–6 mm. long, spreading or horizontal. *Sepals* (1.5-)2-3 mm. long, persistent. *Petals* obovate, usually glabrous, emarginate, 2–3 (–4) mm. long, often scarcely exceeding the sepals and persistent with them. *Filaments* 1–1.5 mm. long, always edentate and unappendaged. *Nectaries* slender and erect, 0.5–0.8 mm. long. *Fruits* orbicular, emarginate or truncate, (2-)3-4(-5) mm. long and wide; valves equally inflated at centers, and with flattened margins, covered with an indumentum of minute (0.2-0.3 mm. in diameter) adpressed stellate hairs (density variable). *Styles* 0.3–0.6(-1) mm. long, \pm slender, usually glabrous. *Seeds* narrowly winged. 2n = 32. *Fl.* Mar.–Aug. Two varieties are recognized:

- A. Leaves oblanceolate or linear, $(3-)10-40 \times 1.5-3$ mm., with sparse gray-ish-green indumentum; plants always more than 5 cm. tall, usually 15-35 cm.; racemes elongated, never umbellate, (2-)5-15 cm. long, 10-fruited, or more.

 a. Var. alyssoides.
- A. Leaves obovate, 2-3.5 × 0.5-1 mm., with dense silvery indumentum; plants very reduced, 1-3 cm. tall; racemes very reduced and umbellate, 0.5-1 cm. long, 3-7-fruited. b. Var. depressum.

a. Var. alyssoides.

Clypeola alyssoides L. Sp. Pl. 2: 652. 1753 (!). Type, Europe in Austria et Gallia; "2. Clypeola siliculis bilocularibus tetraspermis" (BM, hort. Clifford; Clypeola No. 2, sub "Alysson incanum luteum serpilli folia.").

Clypeola campestris L. op. cit. 652, 1231. Type protologue refers to Sauvages, Methodus Foliorum Monspeliensis. . . . 71. 1751, reading: "No. 405 Clyp. annua siliculis bilocularibus dispermis calyce persistente. . . .", and to C. Bauhin, Pinax, 107. 1623, reading: "Alysson dictum campestre minus."

Alyssum calycinum L. Sp. Pl. ed. 2. 2: 908. 1763 (!). - Jacquin, Fl. Austr. 4: tab. 338. 1776. — Reich. Ic. Fl. Germ. & Helv. 2: tab. 18, fig. 4269. 1837-1838. — Bertoloni, Fl. Ital. 6: 483. 1844. — Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 285. 1867. — Cusin & Ansb. Herb. Fl. Fr. 2: tab. 312. 1869. — Ruprecht, Fl. Caucasi. 105. 1869. — Ettings. & Pokorny, Physio. Pl. Aust. 9: tab. 871. 1873. — Mora, Fl. Fan. Esp. & Port. 6: 560. 1873. — Willk. & Lange, Prodr. Fl. Hisp. 3: 833. 1880. — Brandza, Fl. Rom. 136. 1833. — Schlecht., Lang. & Schenk, Fl. Deutschl. ed. 5. 14: 195. tab. 1387. 1883. — Colmeiro, Pl. Penin. Hispano-Lusit. 155. 1885. - Simonkai, Enum. Fl. Transsil. 91. 1886. - Beck, Fl. Nieder-Österr. 469. 1892. — Rouy & Fouc. Fl. Fr. 2: 185. 1895. (incl. vars.). - Robinson in Gray, Synopt. Fl. N. Am. 1(1): 115. 1895. - Grecescu, Consp. Fl. Român. 68. 1898 (excl. var. [\beta] depressum). — Pauletti in Fiori & Pauletti, Fl. Anal. Ital. 1: 457. fig. 1447. 1898-1899. — Busch in Kuznetsov, Busch & Fomin, Fl. Cauc. Crit. 3(4): 601. 1909 (incl. forma); in Fl. U. R. S. S. 8: 358. 1939. — Bornm. Bot. Centralb. Beih. 38: 479. 1921. — Szafera, Fl. Polska 3: 177. 1927. — Boul. Fl. Liban & Syr. 32. 1930. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 71. 1936. — Palhinha, Fl. Port. ed. 2. 307. 1939. — Grossheim, Fl. Kavk. ed. 2. 4: 220. tab. 25, fig. 6. 1950. — Jessen, Vilde Pl. Nord. 2: 598. fig. 410, fig. 411b. 1950. — Karjagin, Fl. Azerbaid. 4: 277. 1953. Type, Europe, Austria, Gallia, Germania (BM, hort. Clifford; Clypeola No. 2).

Alyssum campestre L. op. cit. 909., pro parte (!).

Adyseton calycinum (L.). Scop. Fl. Carn. ed. 2. 2: 13. 1772 (!). — Bubani, Fl. Pyrenaea 3: 209. 1901.

Psilonema calycinum (L.) Meyer, Bull. Acad. Sci. St. Pétersb. 7: 132. 1840 (!); Mém. Acad. Sci. St. Pétersb. VI. 6: 15. tab. 2, upper right. 1840; in Ledebour, Fl. Ross. 1: 137. 1842. — Schur, Enum. Pl. Transsil. 630. 1866 (excl. var. depressum). — Fedtschenko, Fl. Ross. Austro-Orient. 5: 440. pl. 388, fig. A. 1931. — Popov, Fl. Ukraine 5: 344. 1953.

Alyssum ruderale Jordan, Diagn. Nouv. 198. 1864. Type, Switzerland, hab. in ruderatis et agris incultis circa Genève, Jordan (P., non vidi).

A. vagum Jordan, ibid. Type, France, hab. in ruderatis et sabulosis agris lugdunensis, Villeurbanne (Rhône), Jordan (P, non vidi).

A. sabulosum Jordan, op. cit. 199. Type, France, hab. in sabulosis Beugesi, Thoirette (Ain), Navier (P, non vidi).

A. arvaticum Jordan, op. cit. 200. Type, France, hab. in ruderatis et arvis, Delphinatûs superioris; La Grave (Hautes-Alps), Jordan (P. non vidi).

A. erraticum Jordan, loc. cit. Type, France, hab. in ruderatis et arvis pyrenaeorum Gèdre (Hautes-Pyrénées), Jordan (P, non vidi).

A. sublineare Jordan, op. cit. 201. Type, France, hab. in ruderatis et sabulosis montium Occitanieae, Mas-Cabardès (Aude), Jordan (P., non vidi).

Distribution and habitat: a widespread weed species of western, central and southern Europe, Russia, North Africa and Afghanistan in ruderal and disturbed habitats and mountain meadows; sea level-2000 (-2800) m. Probably introduced and naturalized in northern Europe, including the British Isles and Scandinavia. Naturalized in the United States and Canada, and in the Argentine of South America. Recorded from Turkey.

England. Dirleton Common, 24 June 1835, Macnab (E); Surrey, Wandsworth, July 1835, Hunter (E). France. Montpellier, Herault, 27 Apr. 1894, Galavielle (E, G, W); ibid., Arnott (E, K); Paris, Forbes s.n. (E); Zabern, May 1896, Krebs (BM, E, G, K, W); Loches, Apr. 1841, Trevelyan (E, K); Paris, Bois de Boulogne, Cosson (G, GH); La Maures, Hyères, 30 Apr. 1906, Raine (GH). Corsica. Mt. Pietro, Solenol 355 (BM). Spain. Pyrenees, 2 May 1896, Guillot (BM); Centellas, Pyrenees, nr. French border, Lesins 24 (A); Sierra del Cuarto, 1800 m., Reverchon 1276 (BM, E, G); Barcelona, Gonzala 5453 (BM); ibid., 450 m., Gonzala 5434 (BM); ibid., 3 May 1918, Sennen (BM, E); ibid., Cantalejo, Sennen 2964 (BM); Cerdagne, 1380 m., 12 June 1926, Sennen (BM); ibid., Angoustrone Grande Rigole, Sennen 6040 (BM); Sierra de Barza, 1890, Ball (BM, E, GH, K); Distr. Logrono Sorio, Viniegra-Montenegro, Sierra de la Urbion, 1700 m., Dresser 610 (E). Sweden. Skåne i Alnarp, June 1841, Palmer (E); Uppsala, Anderssen s.n. (E); ibid., July 1866, Ahlberg (GH, K); Askersund, 11 June 1887, Wyring (BM, GH, K); Prov. Gotland, Paroecia Alskog, Asplund 877 (вм, GH, w); Stenkyrka, 19 June 1867, Oldberg (GH). Denmark. Isle of Mòen, June 1926, Jöker (GH, W); ibid., May 1846, Tütein (GH); ibid., Schonid (GH). Germany. Jura, nr. Regensburg, 410 m., Rubner 781a (BM, E, K, W); Munich, May-June 1829, Rosh (E, W); Thusran, Grierson 30 (E); Baden nr. Wiesloch, 200 m., Zimmerman 8 (BM, E, K, W); Berlin, 14 May 1896, Rehder (GH); Kies, 800 m., Zick 781a, b (BM, G, GH, K, W); Thuringia, nr. Arustadt, 19 Apr. 1902, Reineck (GH, W). Switzerland. Zurich, 26 June 1880, Rehder (GH); May 1836, Naegeli (E, w); Thun, Apr. 1838, Brown (E, к); Vallaris Rhône, May 1858, Balfour (E); Aug. 1889, Dickson (E); Aigle, 4-9 June 1885,

Hamilton (E); Jura, nr. Neuville, 9 Aug. 1834, Shuttleworth (E); Zermatt-Zmutt, May 1961, Dudley (A); Chur, 700 m., Meisser 340 (BM, G, GH, K, W); Seringe 2891 (BM, GH, K). Italy. Sulmona, Campio de Jaeve, Lesins 11 (A); Naples, 1845, Alexander (E); nr. Bormio, 18 Aug. 1870, Ball (BM, E, K); Florence, Babington (E); St. Cauzian, Crawford 26 (E); Calabria, Sila nr. San Giovanni in Fiore, 1000 m., 1933, Bornmüller 80 (A). Sicily, Mt. Nebrodense, Todaro s.n. (G, GH, W); 1700-1934 m., 21 July 1874, Stroblysi (BM). Poland. Kielce, 18 May-30 May 1897, Bodzentyn (E, W); Kiovise nr. Karawajewi, Lazarenko 65 (BM, E, K, W); Prov. Kioviensis, distr. Smila, pr. Jablunilvka, Kleopow s.n. (BM, E, K, W). Czechoslovakia. Kaaden, nr. Tältsch, 700 m., Stelzhamer 346 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W). Austria. St. Veit, 6 June 1898, Krebs (E, G, K, W); nr. Graz, 360 m., Kritsch 749 (BM, E, G, K, W); nr. Judenburg, 710 m., Pilhatsch 748 (BM, E, G, K, W); Mariazell, Fleischmann s.n. (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Laibach, Fleischmann s.n. (BM, E, G, GH, K, W). Hungary. Mt. Rokahety nr. Bekras, 4 June 1922, Degen (w); Sórkut-Torik-Bálirit, 24 June 1922, Degen (w); Chemnitz, 1890, Ball (BM, E, GH, K). Romania. Transsilvania, distr. Brasov, nr. Harman, 500 m., Borza 651c (BM, E, G, K, W); distr., Turda Aries, Cheia Turzii, nr. Turda, 450 m., Borza 651a (BM, E, G, K, W); distr. Constanta, Dobrogea, nr. Murfatlar, 100 m., Borza 651b (BM, E, G, K, W). Yugoslavia. Macedonia, Crni Drin, Struga-Debar, Rechinger 15975 (w); Serbia orientalis, Bela Palanka-Pirot, 600-800 m., Rechinger 15865 (w); ibid. Nischka Banja, nr. Nisch, Rechinger 16072 (w); ibid., Nischa Banja-Bela Palank, 600-800 m., Rechinger 15839 (w); Serbia, Vanjano, May 1898, Adamovic (E, W); Sarlark nr. Pirot, 15 May 1897, Adamovic (E, K, W). Albania. Bertiscus, nr. Pec (Ipek), 500-700 m., Rechinger & Scheffer 104 (w); Katimi nr. Bukovik, distr. Hati, Baldacci 298 (BM); Kolasia, Baldacci 9 (BM); Kia nr. Skutari, Dörfler 153 (w). Greece. Terkovic-Sliovo, Rechinger 8 (w); Epirus, Tonschiefer, nr. Arachthos river, Rechinger 23199 (w); Macedonia orientalis, distr. Drama, Boz dagh, nr. Juricik, 300 m., Rechinger 6351b (w); ibid., Lekhani-Kechrokampos, valley of river Mesta (Nestos), 700-900 m., Rechinger 15632 (w); Thrace, Orestias-Visi, Rechinger 22031 (w); ibid., Mt. Rhodope, nr. Jasmos (Jasi-Koi), Rechinger 9579 (w); Mt. Olympus nr. Hagios, Diontsios, 800 m., 21 Mar. 1940, Charworth-Masters 9579 (BM); Xanthi, Lesins 6 (A); Mt. Malevo, Laconiae, Orphanides 2638 (G, W); Parhes, Hagios-Trios, 400 m., Samuelsson 141 (w). Crete. Lassithi, Mt. Lazaro, Gandoger 77 (BM). Russia. Crimea, Yalta, above Nikita, 350 m., Davis 33328 (BM, E, K); Crimea, 1820, Steven (G-DC); Kiev, Zinger 555 (E, W); Königsburg (East Prussia), Baenitz s.n. (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Caucasus, Prov. Terek, Ossetia Balta, Brotherus 86 (BM); ibid., 17 July 1911, Busch (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Prov. Chewsuria, 1 Aug. 1903, Busch (BM, E, G, GH, K, W); Daghestan, 1874, Becker (BM, K); Azerbaidjan, Ismaily, Ovanovka-Ismaily, 24 May 1936, Grossheim (BM). Bulgaria. Varna, 1846, Noë (K); Haskovo-Harmanli, Rechinger 21770a (w); nr. Sreden-tschitlik, close to Russian border (Rustschuk), Rechinger 638 (w); Black Sea, Aladscha, Sveti Konstantin, nr. Varna, Rechinger 1057 (w); Čerpan, June 1900, Stribrny p.p. (E, K, W). Turkey (records only). A2(A): Prov. Bursa, Bithynia Olympo (Ulu dag), Sestini (fide Fenzl in Tchihatcheff, Asie Min. Bot. 1(3): 313. 1860). A7: Prov. Trabzon, Boztepe, 21 June 1917, Schischkin (fide Schischk. Ber. Staats-Univ. Tomsk 80: 465. 1929); Prov. Trabzon Gümüşane, nr. Vischera, Kalanema Dere, 500 m., June 1908, Blumencron (fide Handel-Mazzetti, Ann. Naturh. Mus. Wien 23: 156. 1909). B6: Prov. Maras, Elbistan, Asdurian 85 (fide Béguinot & Diartz. Contrib. Fl. Arm. 47. 1912). B10: Prov. Doğanbayazit, Dutach-Burnubulak, 26 May 1916, Schischkin (fide Schischk. loc. cit.). C6: Prov. Gaziantep, Killis, Post 335 (fide Post, Bull. Herb. Boiss, II. 3: 163. 1895). Tokat-Erzurum, Aucher s.n. (fide Fenzl, loc. cit.). Afghanistan. Prov. Kabul, Kabul-Paghman, 2800 m., Hedge & Wendelbo 3146 (BG, E).

Canada. Quebec. Wolfe County, nr. Lake Aylmer, Wells 37470 (GH); Missisquoi County, Philipsburg, 10–11 Aug. 1923, Knowlton (GH); ibid., Marie-Victorin & Rolland-Germain 34152, 43296 (GH). Ontario. Waterloo County, German Mills, Cressman's woods, Montgomery 198 (GH); Learnington, Macoun 33775 (GH).

United States. Maine. Orono, 16 June 1890, Fernald (NEBC); Bar Harbor, 11 June 1899, Rand (NEBC). Vermont. Chittenden County, Colchester, S. of Porter's Swamp, Charette & Smith 2430 (NEBC); ibid., Charette 2439 (NEBC). Massachusetts. Suffolk County, Franklin Park, Boston, 11 June 1891, Manning (GH, NEBC); Jamaica Plain, June 1875, Faxon (GH); Medford-Malden, May 1880, Davenport (GH); ibid., 6 May 1882, Manning (NEBC); Belmont, 6 June 1898, Hoffmann (NEBC); Medford, 24 June 1880, Davenport (NEBC); Somerville, 10 May 1878, Perkins (NEBC); Norfolk County, Milton, 6 June 1897. Kennedy (GH); ibid., 17 July 1915, Kidder (NEBC); Barnstable County, Bourne, nr. Monument Beach, 20 June 1911, Knowlton (GH, NEBC); Falmouth, July 1882, Farlow (NEBC); Bristol County, Dartmouth, Sturtevant s.n. (NEBC); ibid., 13 June 1904, Hervey (NEBC); Amherst, 1859, Gray (GH). Rhode Island. Providence, 12 June 1890, Collins (NEBC). Connecticut. New Haven County. Lighthouse Point, East Haven, Eames 216 (GH); ibid., 17 June 1902, Harger (NEBC); Middlebury, Harger 4290 (NEBC); Hartford County, Southington, 31 May 1897, Bissell (NEBC). New York. Washington County, Vaughn, N. of Hudson Falls, 10 June 1915, Burnham (GH); Tuckahoe, 12 May 1894, Pollard (GH); Mt. Beacon, Hudson River, opposite Newburgh, June 1906, Kochler (GH); nr. Plattsburgh, Hunnewell 4667 (GH); Onondaga County, East Green Lake, Jamesville, Wiegand 15516 (GH); Columbia County, Becraft Mt., Greenfort, McVaugh 317 (GH). Pennsylvania. Mt. Airy reservoir, 12 May 1871, Parker (GH); Berks County, Bernville, Stoudt & Hermann 2768 (GH); College Hill, Easton, June 1875, Porter (GH); ibid., 8 June 1892, Porter (GH). West Virginia. Greenbrier County, White Sulphur Springs, Hunnewell 2593 (GH); Berkeley County, nr. Inwood, Hunnewell 19182 (GH). Virginia. Clarke County, nr. Boyce, Allard 106 (GH); ibid., Hunnewell 14991 (GH); Shenandoah County. Pugh's Run, Artz 830 (GH); ibid., Strasburg, Baldwin 5064 (GH); nr. Cedarville, Pease 26574 (GH). Michigan. Near Lansing, 8 June 1887, L. H. Bailey (GH); Berrian Springs, Pease 17777 (GH). Indiana. Tolleston, Umbach 1787 (GH); Fulton County, 1 mile Ne. of Leiter's Ford, Deam 56019 (GH). Wisconsin. County highway "D," S. of Madison, 18 June 1945, Greene (GH). Illinois. Ravenswood, nr. Chicago, 7 June 1883, Arthur (GH); McHenry County, Algonquin, Benke 5741 (GH); Kankakee County, E. of St. Anne, Jones 11430 (GH). Montana. Many Glaciers, Glacier Park, Pease 22323 (Gн); Riverside Park, 975 m., Kirkwood 1129 (GH). Idaho. College campus, Moscow, Henderson 2759 (GH); ca. 2 miles S. of Grangeville on Whitebird Road, Jones 73 (GH); 3 miles E. of Joseph on Joseph-Whitebird Road, Jones 163 (GH); Teton County, Victor, 1829 m., Payson & Payson 2160 (GH). Wyoming. Sheridan County, Red Grade, E. slope of Big Horn Mt., 1981 m. Rollins 57177 (GH). Utah. Newton-Heyde Park, Jones 288 (GH); Salt Lake City, Rollins 3095 (GH); Cache County, Sage E. of U. S. A. C. stadium, Logan, 1433 m., Maguire 34581 (GH). California. Oakland, Brewer 2577 (GH); Siskiyou County, Yreka, Smith

90, 655 (GH); ibid., Sisson, Heller 8054 (GH); ibid., Parker ranch, Plowman's valley, 12 June 1948, Parker (GH). Oregon. Selkirk, nr. Nelson, Shaw 663 (GH); Des Chutes river, 5 miles below bend, Peck 1713 (GH).

Argentina. Partido de Saavedra, Sierra de la Ermita, Cabrera 5459 (GH).

The nomenclatural confusion between Alyssum alyssoides and A. minus (A. campestre sensu multo auct.) has been discussed in an earlier paper (Jour. Arnold Arb. 45: 63–65. 1964). Although these two species are assigned to different sections, to section Psilonema and section Alyssum respectively, they are frequently confused. The sepals of A. alyssoides are always persistent, its filaments are very slender, edentate and unappendaged, its nectaries are peg-like and erect, and its styles are usually glabrous. In addition, the symmetrically inflated fruits of A. alyssoides are generally smaller, and the easily displaced indumentum on the fruits is composed of shorter-rayed stellate hairs.

Although specimens of A. alyssoides have been recorded from Turkey, I have not seen any Turkish material. Certainly its presence in Anatolia needs confirmation. It seems safe, however, to assume that the records from the Armenian Highlands in eastern Turkey are correct. It is well known from the Caucasus, and its presence in Armenia would be an expected pattern of distribution. Throughout the Levant, A. alyssoides is very rare (cf. Bornmüller, Bot. Centralbl. Beih. 38: 479. 1921). For the most part, the Caucasian, Turkish and Afghanistan specimens of A. alyssoides are from higher altitudes (e.g. Hedge & Wendelbo 3146, Afghanistan at 2800 m.) than are those normally found in Europe. From the paucity of records and specimens from the Levant it is assumed that this species has been unable to colonize and spread in the ruderal and disturbed types of environments, with which it is normally associated throughout much of Europe. Rather, it is apparently confined to isolated pockets in the mountains. Conversely, it is interesting to note that it has adapted well to the ruderal habitats of North America, and accordingly seems to be commoner than in Turkey.

As a common European species A. alyssoides has long been subjected to a very critical examination by numerous workers, many of whom (i.e. Jordan, Sennen, Nyárády, Prodan, etc.) have contributed to the literature approximately thirty taxonomic segregates, mostly of varietal or formal rank, and almost twice as many recombinations. As it would not be in the interests of brevity or clarity to cite all of those minor synonyms, I have referred only to those species of Jordan which subsequently have been recombined many times as subspecies, varieties, formae, and even subformae. This species is very polymorphic with respect to plant height, stem length, leaf size, leaf, fruit and sepal indumentum density, and raceme length. The many segregates, excluding var. depressum which follows, have been based chiefly on single character deviations, which are very flexible and unstable according to the varying environmental pressures. Many of the characters rarely occur on a population basis, and examination of the type specimens has revealed that, more often than not,

the characters are not constant on individual plants. When the morphological variation of A. alyssoides is considered throughout the whole range of distribution, characters such as density of fruit indumentum do not appear to have the stability essential for taxonomic recognition. The one exception is var. depressum which forms small and scattered, but phenotypically stable populations in Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, and Crete.

b. Var. depressum (Schur) Dudley, comb. nov.

Psilonema calycinum var. [c.] depressum Schur, Enum. Pl. Transsil. 62. 1866

(!). Holotype, Romania, Hermannstadt, Schur s.n. (w).

Alyssum calycinum var. pumilum Hal. Denkschr. Akad. Wien Math. Naturw. 61: 496. 1894 (!). Holotype, Greece, Arcadia, in lapidosis calcareis regionis abietinae Mt. Chelmos (Aroania vet.) gregarie., 1500 m. (in der Tannenregion des Chelmos oberhalb Sudena, 1200–1500 m.), 15 Apr. 1893, Halacsy (w).

A. calycinum var. [β] depressum (Schur) Grecescu, Consp. Fl. Rom. 69.

1898 (!).

A. calycinum var. minus Velen. Sitz-ber. Böhm. Ges. Wissen. Prag 27: 3. 1902 (!). Holotype, Bulgaria, in Mt. Tikiski, Balkan, Urumov (prc., non

vidi); isotype (w).

A. conglobulatum Fil. & Jáv. Magyar Bot. Lap. 9: 146. 1910 (!); Rep. Nat. Mus. Hung. 107. tab. 1, fig. 2. 1910. Holotype, Hungary, in virgultis cacuminis montis Nagy-Szénáshegy ad pag. Pilissentwány, Comit. Pest, ca. 500 m., 9 June 1909, Filarszky & Kümmerle (BP, non vidi); isotypes (BM, E, G, K, W).

A. alyssoides var. conglobulatum (Fil. & Jáv.) Jáv. Fl. Hung. 441. 1924 (!); Jáv. & Csapody, Ic. Fl. Hung. 7: 211. fig. 1590a. 1930.

A. alyssoides var. pumilum (Hal.) Hayek, Prodr. Fl. Penin. Balcan. 1: 439. 1925 (!). — Vierh. & Rech. Öst. Bot. Zeit. 84: 139. 1935. — Rech. Fl. Aegaea 225. 1943.

A. alyssoides f. minus (Velen.) Hayek, loc. cit. (!).

A. calycinum f. minus (Velen.) Stoj. & Steff. Fl. Bulg. ed. 2527. 1948 (!).

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: rare on calcareous substrates of mountains in Hungary, Romania, Greece and Crete.

Hungary. Comit. Pest, Mt. Szénáshegy nr. Pilisszentiván, (locus classicus), 400-500 m., Filarszky & Jávorka 46 (BM, E, G, GH, K, W). Crete. Pezzuta, Todaro s.n. (w); Mt. Psiloriti, nr. Nidha, Dörfler 774a (w).

Alyssum damascenum Boiss. & Gaill. in Boiss. Diagn. 3(6): 18. 1859 (!). — Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 285. 1867. — Bornm. Verh. Zool.-Bot. Ges. Wien 48: 553. 1898. — Boul. Fl. Lib. & Syr. 32. pl. 38, fig. 2. 1930. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syria, Pal. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1:88. 1932. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 71. 1936. — Zohary, Pal. Jour. Bot. Jer. ser. 2(2/3): 129 & 161. 1941. Holotype, Syria, in cultis inter Merre et Damascum (Jardin e Ganchedulu), 18 Mar. 1847, Gaillardot 817 (g); isotype (A).

Annual, low growing, resembling Alyssum contemptum in habit; sparingly branched from the base, 5–10 cm. in height. Leaves oblanceolate-spathulate, acute, decreasing in size upward, uppermost involucrate; indumentum on the lower surfaces denser, and of smaller stellate hairs than that on upper surfaces. Racemes simple, or sparsely branched from the base, 1–4 cm. long. Pedicels erect or ascending, \pm basally dilated, 3–5 mm. long. Sepals persistent, ca. 2 mm. long, with narrow scarious wings; indumentum sparse, but with apical tufts of furcate, erect hairs. Petals narrowly spathulate, $2.5-3 \times 0.5-0.8$ mm., deeply bifid. Filaments 2–3 mm. long, edentate and wingless. Fruits ovate or rotund, $3.5-4.5(-5) \times 3-4.5$ mm., obtuse; valves \pm equally inflated, and with \pm dense indumentum of relatively coarse stellate hairs. Styles 0.6-1 mm., with basal indumentum. Seeds narrowly winged. Fl. Mar.-Apr.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: a Saharo-Sindian species of dry hill-sides and cultivated or fallow fields in Syria and Palestine; alt. 200–1000 (-1900) m.

Syria. Aleppo-Aintab (Gaziantep), 610 m., 6 May 1865, Haussknecht (BM, c); Mt. Carmel, Apr. 1928, Druce (OXF); Damascus, Salatie, Péronin 583 p.p. (G); ibid., Kessoue, Péronin 1879 (G); ibid., Davis 5633 (E, K); ibid. Mt. Gebel Khaisoun, Gaillardot 856 (G). Palestine. Jericho, Ain-i-Sultan-Wadi Kilt, 200 m., 1897, Bornmüller 71 (G, W). Lebanon. Dschebel Sannin, 1700–1900 m., 10 June 1904, Kneucker (GH).

Alyssum damascenum is sometimes confused with A. minus, a weedy species in section Alyssum common throughout most of Europe and the Near East, because of a resemblance in fruit shape and indumentum. The filaments of A. damascenum, however, are always wingless, edentate, and unappendaged, while those of A. minus are widely winged, appendaged, and usually dentate. A. contemptum from Palestine, another species of section Alyssum is sometimes confused with A. damascenum due to the annual, low growing habit. A. contemptum has widely winged toothed and appendaged filaments, small globose nectaries, entire or merely emarginate petals, and elliptic fruits whose valves are very asymmetrically inflated, similar to those of A. szowitsianum. The fruits of A. damascenum are orbicular with more or less equally inflated valves, its nectaries are erect and peg-like, and its petals are deeply bifid.

Zohary and Fahn (Pal. Jour. Bot. Jer. ser. 2(2/3): 130. 1941) and Zohary (op. cit. 161) assign A. damascenum to the group of annual species in section Alyssum (including A. marginatum and A. szowitsianum) characterized by a unique pedicel anatomy associated with the specialized hygrochastic method of seed dispersal. However, in addition to possessing the diagnostic features of section Psilonema, A. damascenum has a pedicel anatomy, which (as originally noticed by Zohary & Fahn) is different from that of the other species mentioned. These facts suggest that, although the annual species of section Psilonema and section

Alyssum are closely allied, the phenomenon of hygrochastic dispersal has developed convergently within the two sections.

- 10. Alyssum granatense Boiss. & Reut. Pug. Pl. Nov. Afr. Bor. & Hisp. Aust. 9. 1852 (!). Mora, Fl. Fan. Esp. & Portug. 6: 561. 1873. Willk. & Lange, Prodr. Fl. Hisp. 3: 833. 1880. Cosson, Ill. Fl. Atl. 1: 61. tab. 42. 1884; Comp. Fl. Atl. 2: 236. 1887. Batt. in Batt. & Trab., Fl. Algérie 1: 47. 1888. Cadevall & Sallent, Fl. Catal. 1: 142. 1915. Palhinda, Fl. Portug. ed. 2. 307. 1939. Heywood, Repert. Sp. Nov. 64(1): 53. 1961. Quezel & Santa, Nouv. Fl. Algér. 1: 410. 1962. Ball & Dudley in Flora Europaea 1: 299. 1964. Syntypes, Spain, in arenosis et cultis regionis alpinae montium Granatensium, Sierra de la Nieve supra Yunquera, Boissier & Reuter (BM, G, W); in Sierra Nevada circa Benalcaza, Boissier (BM, G, W). Lectotype, Sierra de la Nieva supra Yunquera, Boissier & Reuter (G); isolectotypes (BM, W).
 - A. willkommii de Roem. ex Willk. Linnaea 25: 8. 1852 (!). Holotype, Spain, in collibus arenosis siccis prope oppidum Ayamonte, Jan. 1846, de Roemer (Lz, destroyed); isotype (вм).
 - A. granatense var. sepalinum Pomel, Nouv. Mat. Fl. Atl. 231. 1874 (!). Holotype, North Africa, a Garrouban, Téniet-el-Haâd, Tala-Yezid, Pomel (AL, non vidi); isotype (w).
 - A. algeriense Pomel, op. cit., 232 (!). Holotype, North Africa, de Garrouban à Téniet-el-Haâd, Pomel (AL, non vidi); isotype (w).
 - A. algeriense var. montanum Pomel, loc. cit. (!). Holotype, North Africa, Djebel Endatte, près de Téniet-el-Haâd, Pomel (AL, non vidi); isotype (w).
 - A. hispidum Loscos & Pardo ex Willk. Ill. Fl. Hisp. & Balear. 1: 85. 1882 (!); Suppl. Prodr. Fl. Hisp. 304. 1893. Syntypes, Spain, en Castelserás particul. en el Cerillo de Calvario, en la huerta de Torrecilla, Castellote, Calaceite y nesesar. pasá á Cataluña par Caseras, Loscos (w); cerca de Aranda, Calavia (w). Lectotype, Aragon, Castelserás, 25 Jan. 1846, Loscos (w); isolectotype (g).
 - A. hispidum var. granatense (Boiss. & Reut.) Willk. Ill. Fl. Hisp. & Balear.
 1: 85, 86. 1882 (!); Suppl. Prodr. Fl. Hisp. 304. 1893.
 - A. marisii Cout. Bol. Soc. Brot. 25: 189. 1910. Holotype, Portugal, hab. in Beira meridional (Castello Branco) Malpica Baixo Alemtejo (Beja), Maris s.n. (coi, non vidi).
 - A. hieronymii Sennen, Bol. Soc. Arag. 15: 259. 1919 (!). Holotype, Spain, Castillo, Madrid, 15 Apr. 1915, Jerónimo 2411 (BC, non vidi); isotype (BM, W).
 - A. granatense var. weilleri Emb. & Maire, Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afr. Nord. 23: 164. 1932. Syntypes, North Africa, hab. in rupestribus cristallinis editis Anti-Atlantis ad Agadir-n-Tigfert, 1700–1800 m., 1931, Weiller (AL, non vidi); in Monte Fidoust, 2000–2200 m., 1931, Weiller (AL, non vidi).

Annual, with numerous erect or decumbent stems, up to 20 cm. long. Leaves linear-oblanceolate, lanceolate, or elliptic and oblong, 3-20(-25) × 1-3 mm., increasing in size upward, indumentum grayish-green, of adpressed stellate hairs. Fruiting racemes generally simple, elongated, 2-8 cm. long, densely fruited. Pedicels 2-4 mm. long, ascending to erect,

and adpressed to the main axis, indumentum dense and \pm strigose. Sepals persistent, 2–3.5 mm. long, with wide scarious wings, and often with apical tufts of furcate hairs. Petals clavate, gradually attenuate into claws (3)–4(–6) mm. long, emarginate, with dense strigose indumentum. Filaments very slender, edentate and unappendaged, 2–2.5 mm. long. Fruits orbicular, 3–5 mm. long and wide, emarginate; valves equally inflated at centers and with wide flattened margins, indumentum dimorphic of tuberculate, simple and furcate hairs, intermixed with adpressed few-rayed stellate hairs. Styles 0.5–1 mm. long, glabrous or with sparse basal indumentum. Seeds conspicuously winged. Fl. Feb.–Apr.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: cultivated and fallow lands, and dry mountain screes in eastern and southern Spain, Portugal, and North Africa! alt. 600–2200 m.

Portugal. Sampaio 2471 (BM). Spain. Aragonia, Boissier s.n. (G, W); Murcie, Sierra de Espuña, 1200-1400 m., Jerónimo 7101, 6715 (BM); Almeria, N. slopes of Sierra de Maria above Maria, Ellman & Sandwith (BM, GH, K); Pozuelo nr. Madrid, Bucknell (BM, E); ibid., New Castile, 11 Apr. 1907, White (E); Prov. Valencia, Sierra de Espadán, 1800 m., Reverchon 21 (BM, E, G, K, W); Le Pozo, 1500 m., Reverchon 706 (W); Sierra de Alcaraz, 600-1000 m., 1890, Porta & Rigo (BM, G, W). North Africa. Maroc, Djebel Lalla Aziza, Ibrahim, 1883, Cosson (BM, E, G, K, W); Djebel Kerher, 850 m., Sennen & Mauricio 9237 (BM); Batna, 14 Mar. 1867, Dukerley (BM, GH, K); Nogen Atlas, Ain Kahta, 1850 m., Jahandiez 322 (BM, E, K, W); Algiers Sidi-bel-Abbés (nr. Oran) Warion 114 (BM, E, W); ibid., 21 Apr. 1874, Warion (E, GH, K); Oran, Balansa 535 (BM, E, K, W); Médéa, 900 m., Gay 2395 (BM, G, GH, K).

The only other annual species of *Alyssum* occurring in the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa, and having dimorphic fruit indumentum and persistent sepals is *A. strigosum* (sect. Alyssum), which is frequently confused with *A. granatense* because of a similarity in habit and facies. The major differences between them are detailed in the following table:

	A. GRANATENSE	A. STRIGOSUM
LEAVES	Linear-oblanceolate, lanceo- late or elliptic-oblong, gray- ish-green with dense indu- mentum of adpressed and strongly branched elliptic hairs.	Oblanceolate, or broadly obovate-spathulate, greenish with ± sparse indumentum, often strigose, of sparingly branched, or unbranched, stellate hairs.
PEDICELS	Ascending or erect, and often adpressed to main axis.	Widely divergent and pat- ent, or horizontal.
Sepals	Always persistent and erect, 2-3.5 mm. long, lanceolate, with ± adpressed indu-	When persistent, widely spreading, 1.5-2 mm. long, ovate-elliptic, with dense

mentum and apical tufts of

strigose hairs.

overall strigose indumen-

tum.

PETALS

Emarginate with dense strigose indumentum, 4–6 × 1.5–2 mm.

Primarily bilobed, glabrous or with sparse adpressed indumentum, 2-3.5 × 0.4-1 mm.

FILAMENTS

Very slender and wingless, edentate, and unappendaged.

Always with wide wings, teeth, and connate appendages.

FRUITS

Orbicular, up to 5 × 5 mm., values always equally inflated.

Orbicular or oblate, up to 6×7 mm., valves more or less unequally inflated.

From Alyssum alyssoides, the closest ally to A. granatense in section PSILONEMA, the latter is distinguished by its always larger floral parts, larger fruits, globose and reduced nectaries, erect and adpressed position of the pedicels, and the dimorphic fruit indumentum.

11. Alyssum dasycarpum Steph. ex Willd. Linn. Sp. Pl. ed. 4. 3(1): 469. 1800 (!). — Fenzl in Tchihatcheff, Asie Mineure Bot. 1(3): 314. 1866. — Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 285. 1867. — Fedtschenko, Fl. Turkestan 47. 1906. — Busch in Kuznetsov, Busch & Fomin, Fl. Cauc. Crit. 3(4): 600. 1909; in Fl. U.R.S.S. 8: 358. 1939. — Popov, Man. Fl. Tashk., fasc. 1-2. fig. 221. 1923-1924. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syr., Palest. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1: 88. 1932. - Bornmüller, Repert. Sp. Nov. Beih. 89(1): 58. 1936. — Thiébaut, Fl. Lib.-Syr. 1: 71. 1936. — Grossheim, Fl. Kavk. ed. 2. 4: 218. tab. 25, fig. 5. 1950. — Parsa, Fl. Iran 1: 742. fig. 616. 1952. — Karjagin in Fl. Azerbaid. 4: 274. 1953. — I. V. Pavlov (Ed.), Fl. Kazakh. 4: 282. tab. 35, fig. 9. 1961. — Dudley, Notes Bot. Gard. Edinb. 24(2): 157. fig. 1B. 1962. — Rech. Ark. Bot. 5(1): 168. 1963. — Ball & Dudley in Flora Europaea 1: 299. 1964. Holotype, Russia, in Siberia ad Kamam et Volgam fluvium, Stephan s.n. (LE, non vidi); isotypes (BM, G-DC, K).

Annual, with many erect stems, up to 25 cm. long, rarely prostrate. Indumentum \pm dense, of coarse stellate hairs with long and few (but branched) rays, often appearing strigose. Leaves decreasing in size upward; the upper attenuate, obovate to oblong-oblanceolate, $7-11(-25) \times (2.5-)4-9$ mm. the lower wide spathulate and short petiolate, $20-35 \times 12-15$ mm. Inflorescence racemose or paniculate, up to 15 cm. long, often branching widely. Pedicels (1.2-)1.5-2 mm. long, divergent to ascending, often subappressed to the rachis, with dense strigose and dimorphic indumentum. Sepals 2-3 mm. long, \pm persistent, with dense dimorphic and strigose indumentum. Petals obovate-spathulate, bifid or retuse, 2.5-3(-3.8) mm. long. Filaments 2-2.5 mm. long. Fruits elliptic-obovate or orbicular, truncate, $2.5-3(-4) \times 2.5-3$ mm.; valves equally inflated with thick flattened margins (ca. 1.5-2 mm. long, stout, strongly dilated dimorphic indumentum. Styles (1-)1.5-2 mm. long, stout, strongly dilated

at bases, and with dense dimorphic indumentum on the lower half. Seeds wingless. 2n = 16. Fl. Mar.-June. Two varieties are recognized:

a. Var. dasycarpum.

PL. II, FIGS. b, h. PL. III, FIG. c. PL. IV, FIG. c.

Psilonema dasycarpum (Steph. ex Willd.) Meyer in Ledebour, Fl. Alt. 3: 150. 1831 (!); in Ledebour, Fl. Ross. 1: 127. 1842; Ic. Pl. Fl. Russ. 3: tab. 202. 1831. — Fedtschenko, Fl. Ross. Austro-Orient. 5: 44. pl. 388, fig. B. 1931.

Alyssum calycinoides Hausskn. in Bornmüller, Repert. Sp. Nov. Beih. 89(1): 58. 1936, pro syn. (!).

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: widespread in disturbed and ruderal habitats, roadsides, fallow cultivated fields, vineyards, limestone ridges and screes, and steppe throughout southwestern Asia, including Caucasia, Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Transcaspia, Afghanistan and Pakistan; alt. 100–2600 m.

Turkey. A2(E): Prov. Istanbul, Kalamiche, 7 June 1916, Aznavour (G); Serai-koi, Frizaldszky s.n. (wu). A4: Prov. Çankiri, valley of Çakmakli dere, 800-900 m., 1929, Bornmüller 18860 (E, G, K), 13859 (вм, GH, К). Аб: Prov. Tokat, Tokat, Aucher 4096 (BM, G, K, OXF). A7: Prov. Gümüşane, Gümüşane, Guans nr. Sobran (Kovans), 1894, Sintenis 6143 (BM, G, E, K, W); ibid., 9 June 1862, Bourgeau (w). A8: Prov. Erzurum, Horasan nr. Hopik, 1600 m., Davis 29378 (A, BM, E, K); ibid., Beibout (Bayburt), May 1843, Huet (G). A/B8: Prov. Gümüşane Erzurum, Bayburt-Erzurum, valley of Kassuklu, 1524-1829 m., May 1853, Huet (BM, K). B3/4: Prov. Ankara, Ankara-Polatli, 40 km. from Sakarya, 13 km. SW. of Polatli, 720 m., Huber-Morath 13732 (HM). B4: Prov. Ankara, Angoradur Monasteri, Ankara, 10 May 1907, Frères E. C. (G); ibid., Kotte 1019 (K); Prov. Konya, Yavsan Memlehasi, nr. Tuz Gölü, Davis 18706 (E, K); Prov. Nigde Konya, Sultanhani-Cihanbeyli, 4 km. from Halkanli W. side of Tuz Gölü, 1000 m., Dudley, D. 35927 (A, E). B5: Prov. Kayseri, Inceșu Develi, 3 km. S. of Inceșu, 1050 m., Huber-Morath 10984 (HM); ibid., Çalasse (Talas) nr. Kayseri, Balansa 489 (G, W); ibid., Erdschias dagh (Erciyas dağ), Lerca dağ nr. Kononia, 1600 m., May 1902, Zedebour (w); Prov. Kayseri Yozgat, Kayseri-Yozgat, Koprülü, 1200 m., 1890, Bornmüller 1936 (BM). B6: Prov. Sivas, 4 km. W. of Sivas, 13 June 1939, Reese (HM). B7: Prov. Erzincan, Erzincan nr. Albuschikchan, 1890, Sintenis 2176, sub A. calycinoides (w); Prov. Erzurum, Erzurum, Zohrab 375 (K). C2: Prov. Denizli, Tavas-Denizli, 800-900 m., Dudley, D. 35560a (A, E). C4: Prov. Konya, Konya, 4 June 1937, Reese (нм). С5: Prov. Nigde, Nigde-Ulukişla, S. side of pass, 47 km. from Ulukişla, 1450 m., Huber-Morath 12818 (нм). С4: Prov. Konya, Konya, Post 14 (с); ibid., Çumra, Kücük köy, Helbaek 2406 (E); ibid., 4 km. from Konya, nr. Sille, 1040 m., Huber-Morath 9277 (нм). Armenia, Erzurum-Tokat, Aucher 4098В (с); ibid., Aucher 4098А (G, W); Calvert & Zohrab 45-p.p. (OXF). Anatolia, Noë 947 (G). Syria. Hafar-

Syrian desert, 100 m., Dinsmore 20309 (E, K); Nebk, Davis 5527 (A, BM, E, к); Damascus, Learnid Atiyeh, Post 1109 (вм); Jebel Abur Rejmein, 2 May 1900, Post (BM, G, K); S. of Jarud, 180 m., Dinsmore 22478 (K). Transjordan. Above Wadi Musa, - Moan, 1219 m., Davis 8677 (A, BM, E, K); Ein Musa, 1372 m., Davis 8884 (BM, E, K). Iraq. 18 km. W. of Suleimani, 825 m., Eig & Zohary (HUJ, non vidi); Moan, Moan-Ain Musa, 18 Apr. 1929, Eig et al. (G, w). Kurdistan, Oguhah, Graham s.n. (K). Iran. Bakhtiari, Oregon, Damane-Kuh range, 2300 m., Wendelbo 1726 (BG, E); Prov. Khorasan, Turbat-e-Haidari, 1300 m., Rechinger 4329 (G, W); ibid., Rechinger 4362 (K, W); Robat Safid, 1800-2000 m., Rechinger 7336 (w); nr. Kaswin, 3 May 1882, Polak (E, G, W); ibid., 1200 m., Schmid 5044 (G); ibid., 1200-1300 m., 1902, Bornmüller 6233 BM, G, W); Prov. Fars, Shiraz-Kazerun, Gauba & Sabeti 197 (w); Chiraz (Shiraz), Aucher 4091 (G, K, OXF); Shiraz-Persepolis, 800-1000 m., Schmid 5518 (G); Prov. Kerman/Fars, Saidabad-Cafut, 1900 m., Rechinger 3194 (G, W); Prov. Shahrud/Bustam, Khosh-Jaila, ca. 73 km. from Shahrud, 2000-2200 m., Rechinger 5442 (G, W); Prov. Hamadan, Aq Bulaq, ca. 100 km. N. of Hamadan, Rioux & Golvan 212 (w); Abedeh-Daulatabad, 1500-2000 m., Schmid 5323 (w); 5 miles N. of Daulatabad, 1372 m., Cowan & Darlington 1096 (K); Mt. Elburs, Keredj, Rechinger 244 (K, W); Scharabad, May 1858, Bunge (G, GH, K); Tabriz, Gilliat-Smith 1773-1782 (K); Keredj, 16 May 1934, Gauba (W); Emirabad, nr. Ibrahirabad, 1829 m., Cowan & Darlington 588 (K); 10 miles E. of Zorab, 1219 m., idem 1775 (K); 20 miles W. of Zorab, idem 1734 (K); Sultanabad, 1524 m., Lindsay 31 (BM); Isphahan, Aucher 4091A (G, K, W); Isphahan-Teheran, May 1859, Bunge (G); Transcaspian, Aschabad, Annaju-Gjaurs, 1900, Sintenis 51 (BM, G, GH, E, K, W); Persia, 1825, Belanger (G); ibid., Kotschy 183 (G). Afghanistan. Herat, 1100 m., Köie 4163 (W); Obeh, 1600 m., Köie 4164 (w); Kabul, Kabul-Tangi Gharu, 1700 m., Gilli 1076 (w); E. of Kabul, Budchak, 1770 m., Gilli 1075 (w); Prov. Bamian, Band-i-Amir, Lake Band-i-Panir, 2800 m., Rechinger 18394 (w); 2800-2900 m., Rechinger 18226 (W); Wendelbo 4783 (BG, E); 2900 m., Wendelbo 4761 (BG, E); 3200 m., Volk 2767 (w). Afghanistan/Iran. Hari Reid Valley-Khorasan, Aitchison 194 (BM, G, GH, E, K); Jouvnal-Sinab, Griffith 299 (K); Griffith 1366 (K, W). Baluchistan. Peskin, 1525 m., Lace 3574 (E, K); 1600 m., 17 Apr. 1888, Lace (E); W. Baluchistan, Ziaret, 2338, Stewart 28087 (MICH); Nichara, Stocks 910 (K). Russia. Caucasus, Bunge 75 (K, W); ibid., Talüsch nr. Swant, Meyer 1601 (G, к); ibid., 9 May 1947, Grubner (вм); ibid., nr. Codshadoi, Swant, June 1838, Hohenacker (вм. G. Gн. к); nr. Khabadian, 610-914 m., 1883, Regel, р.р. (вм); Transcaucasus, Nachitschevan, dist. Dzulfa, Darry-Dagh-Dzhulfa, Apr. 1934, Karjagin (A); Erivan, Buhse 118 (G, W); Azerbaidjan, dist. Salma, Dehrman, 2 Apr. 1828, Szovits (G); Turkistan, Chuma, Karoliff & Krause s.n. (G); Transcaspian, Kisil Arsah, 1885, Becker (K, W); in deserto Caspio, Pallas s.n. (вм); Caspium nr. Astrachan, 1819, Fischer (G-DC, к); Astrachan, 1820, Steven (G-DC); Soviet Armenia, Kotairk region, Vokhchabad, Darabulal, 26 May 1956, Mulkidzhanyan (BM, E); Vedi region, Arazdian-Kiarki, 29 June 1960, Takhtajan et al. (BM, W); Kazakh S.S.R., Prov. Syr-Dariia, Perovsk, Akkum Tashk. desert, 11 May 1916, Tsintserling (A); Prov. Semiretschensk, Karatal river, 4 May 1902, Saposhnikov (вм. Gн); Turkmenian S.S.R., dist. Krasbovodsk, steppe nr. Kizil Arvat, Androsov 2565 (GH); Siberia, Songarei, Schrenk s.n. (G, GH); Soongoro-Kirghisici, nr. Ajagus, Karelin & Kiriloff 73 (BM, E, GH, K); Siberia, Pallas s.n. (BM); Altai, Ledebour 302 (G, W); ibid., Politons s.n. (E, W); Russia/ China, Songaria Chin. Lake Saisang-Nor, Meyer s.n. (E, GH, K, W).

From all the other oriental species in section Psilonema, Alyssum dasycarpum may be distinguished by the dimorphic and strigose fruit indumentum, longer and basally dilated styles, and wingless seeds. The always orbicular fruits of A. granatense from the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa are at least twice the size of those of A. dasycarpum. Also, the tuberculate hairs on the fruits of the western European species are sparser and longer, resembling more those of A. hirsutum (sect. ALYSSUM). Alyssum strigosum (sect. Alyssum) is sometimes confused with A. dasycarpum because of the similar dimorphic fruit indumentum. However, the fruits of A. strigosum are larger and are covered with longer furcate hairs. In addition, the winged, dentate and appendaged filaments, larger floral parts, winged seeds, and widely divergent pedicels are diagnostic for A. strigosum. No specimens which have winged seeds have been found throughout the range of A. dasycarpum. A plausible explanation for the Ukranian A. dasycarpum var. pterospermum (Bordz. Bull. Jard. Bot. Kiev 7-8: 17. 1928) is that unless the seeds are examined under magnification, the lighter colored and often translucent radicle may be misinterpreted as a wing formation.

b. Var. minus Bornm. ex Dudley, Notes Bot. Gard. Edinb. 23(2): 157. fig. 1A. 1962 (!). Holotype, Iran, inter Ispahan et Hamadan, ad pagum Mohammedi, 1800 m., 17 Mar. 1892, Bornmüller 2174 (Е); isotypes (вм. G. K. OXF, W).

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: a scattered and limited distribution in desert and fallow lands, and stony hillsides of Syria and Iran.

Syria. Nebk-Quaryatein, 5 Apr. 1890, Post (BM). Iran. Ispahan-Yesd nr. Bambis, 1900 m., 1892, Bornmüller 2173 (G); nr. Kom, 1100 m., 1892, Bornmüller 2175 (BM, E, G, K, OXF, W); nr. Dalechi, Kotschy 181 (BM, G-p.p., K, W); Uenak ne. Teheran, Kotschy 64 (G, W); Karawanseri, Kaswin, 30 Apr. 1892, Pichler (G, K, W); nr. Kaswin (Mazraeh), 1200 m., Schmid 5048 (W); ibid., Schmid 5007 (G); S. of Tabriz, Gilliat-Smith 1356, 1381, 1783 (K).

Intermediate between the varieties of A. dasycarpum: Iran. Prov. Kerman, Kerman-Sultanabad, Sirdjian (Saidabad), Mashiz-Khan-e-Sorck, 2000-2580 m.,

Rechinger 3006 (G, W).

12. Alyssum homalocarpum (Fischer & Meyer) Boiss. Fl. Or. 1: 285. 1867 (!). — Muschler, A Manual Flora of Egypt 1: 422. 1912. — Post & Dinsmore, Fl. Syr. Pal. & Sinai, ed. 2. 1: 87. 1932. — Burtt & Lewis, Kew Bull. 3: 283. 1949. — Parsa, Fl. Iran. 1: 744. 1952. — Montasir & Hassib. Ill. Man. Fl. Egypt 157. 1956. — Jafri, Notes Bot. Gard. Edinb. 22: 95. 1956. — Rech. Bot. Not. 115: 37. 1962; Ark. Bot. 5(1): 169. fig. 14. 1963. — Dudley in Rech. Fl. Lowland Iraq 306. 1964.

Psilonema homalocarpum Fischer & Meyer, Ind. Sem. Hort. Petrop. 6: 63. 1840 (!). Holotype, semina in Arabia Petraea, May 1837, Schimper (LE, non vidi — cultivated in Hortus Petropolitanus from seed collected by

Schimper). Authentic specimens (ex hb. Gay) cultivated (1837) in Jardin Luxembourg from the same seed collection have been examined in the herbaria of G, GH, and K.

Alyssum horebicum Boiss. Ann. Sci. Nat. Paris, II. 17: 156. 1842 (!). Holo-

type, Sinai, Mt. Horeb, Aucher 257 (P, non vidi); isotype (G).

Alyssum musili Velen. Sitz-ber. Böhm. Ges. Wissen. Prag 11: 13. 1911 (!).— Velen. Repert. Sp. Nov. 13: 25. 1913. Holotype, Arabia, in distr. Harara et Wudijan, Drejheme et Zerko, 1909, Musil (PRC).

Alyssum nomismocarpum Rech., Aellan & Esfand. Phyton 3: 56. 1951 (!). Holotype, Persia, Prov. Lars, Hadjiabad prope Tarum, in declivibus siccis saxosis, ca. 900 m., 29 Apr. 1948, Rechinger et al. 3272 (w); isotypes (E, G, K).

Annual, with numerous, erect but brittle stems, 5–20 cm. long. Leaves oblong-spathulate, $1-4(-5) \times (0.5-)1-3$ cm., acute, minutely denticulate above the middle, indumentum dense and ashy, of stellate hairs with \pm divergent and long rays. Inflorescence corymbose, 4–10 cm. long with numerous patent or ascending fragile branches. Pedicels 1.3–2 mm. long, horizontal, with sparse indumentum. Sepals deciduous, 0.8–1 mm. long, with dense ashy indumentum of \pm long-rayed stellate hairs. Petals linear-cuneate, subemarginate or entire, 0.5–1 mm. \times 0.2–0.5 mm., glabrous. Filaments subulate, edentate, ca. 1 mm. long. Fruits broadly obovate, truncate, glabrous, 3–7 mm. long and wide, margins prominently papillose, and coloring reddish-purple when dry; valves equally inflated, with conspicuous venation. Styles 0.5–0.7 (–1) mm. long, dilated basally. Seeds narrowly winged. Fl. Feb.–Apr.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT: a Saharo-Sindian species of dry silty river beds, limestone and sandy slopes, basaltic screes, sandstone, desert and calcareous cultivated lands in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuweit, Palestine, Iraq, Iran, and West Pakistan; alt. (120–)200–1000 (–1600) m.

Egypt. Mergheb, May 1904, Muschler (K); Ouadi Aschar (Wadi Isleh), 1903, Muschler (G); nr. Belbeyi, 1837, Schubert (K). Saudi Arabia. Arabian desert, Schweinfurth 127 (K); Galâlah, Schweinfurth 8 (G); Talpine camp-Hafarol Batin, 240 m., Dickson 576 (K); ul-Arîsh, Figari (FI, non vidi). Kuweit. Batin-Mahazul, 100 miles W. of Kuweit, 120 m., Dickson 511 (K); Wady Batin, 1219 m., Fitzgerald 15610/3 (BM). Syria. Jabal-Tenf, Gombault 1642 (P. non vidi). Jordan. Naqb Ishtar, Hunting Aero Survey 16 (E). Palestine. 40 km. S. of Maan, 1929, Eig & Zohary (HUJ, non vidi). Iraq. ca. 400 km. W. of Baghdad, 1933, idem (HUJ, non vidi); Rutba-Ramadi, 15 km. from Rutba, 750 m., Rechinger 9894 (w); 10 km. SW. of Rutba, 500 m. Rawi 21047 (K); 18 km. S. of Rutba, 640 m., Rawi 14637 & 14899 (K); dist. Diwaniya, 40 km. WNW. of Shabicha, 380 m., Rechinger 13642 (w); Shabicha, 200 m., Gillett & Rawi 6276 (K); Sharaban (Shabicha), Beluchi, Aug. 1886, Jennings (K); 40 km. NW. of Shabicha, 390 m., Guest, Rawi & Rechinger 19306A (K); As-Salman, nr. Ansab, 145 km. SE. of As-Salam (Southern desert, ad confines Saudi Arabia) 340 m., Rechinger 13810 (w); 62 km. WNW. of Ansab, 135 km. SSW. of As-Salman, 360 m., Rechinger 13781 (w); Darb Al' Haj, Saddi border, 360 m. Guest, Rawi & Rechinger 19083 (K); 12 km. ESE. of As-Salman, 240 m.,

idem 18739 (K); nr. Ansab, 145 km. S. of As-Salman, idem 1893 (K). Iran. Shershah, Mar. 1859, Bunge (G, K); Prov. Baluchistan, nr. Zahedan, 600 m., Gauba & Sabeti 196 (W); Montes Karvandar-Khash (Vasht or Kwash), Iranshahr (Bampur), 1500–1600 m., Rechinger et al. 3958 (W). West Pakistan. North Baluchistan, 1902, Landon (BM).

This is the only glabrous-fruited representative of section PSILONEMA having deciduous sepals, and it is the only Alyssum with minute teeth towards the apices of the leaves. Rechinger (loc. cit.) notes and illustrates the papillose fruit margins of A. homalocarpum. This character, although rare in the genus, is not unique. A Greek endemic, A. euboeum (sect. Odontarrhena) also has fruits, the margins of which are papillose, especially towards the apices. The fruit size of A. homalocarpum varies considerably; the smallest measure circa 3×3 mm., and the largest 7×7 mm., but without any apparent geographical pattern. None of the characters said to distinguish A. nomismocarpum from A. homalocarpum, i.e., longer racemes, fragile stems, larger fruits, and shorter pedicels, indicates a satisfactory specific separation when the entire range of morphological variation is taken into consideration. Similarly, A. musili and A. horebicum do not possess sufficient discontinuities to separate them from A. homalocarpum.

EXPLANATION OF PLATES

PLATE I

Alyssum blepharocarpum: Holotype, Huber-Morath 13722 (нм).

PLATE II

Figs. a-g. Petal types, × 20: a, Alyssum desertorum var. desertorum (Davis 27622); b, A. dasycarpum var. dasycarpum (Davis 29378); c, A. pinifolium (Kirk); d, A. minutum (Davis 18940); e, A. stapfii (Davis 28694); f, A.

lepidotum (Davis 18391a); g, A. pseudo-mouradicum (Davis 38893).

Figs. h-r. Long filament types, × 20: h, Alyssum dasycarpum var. dasycarpum (Davis 29378); i, A. huetii (Dudley, D. 35230); j, A. minutum (Davis 18940); k, A. xanthocarpum (Davis 19411); l, A. lepidotum (Davis 18391a); m, A. aizoides (Davis 20328); n, A. strictum (Sintenis 5614); o, A. repens var. trichostachyum (Davis 30295); p, A. filiforme (Davis 29072); q, A. giosnanum (Kühne 1381); r, A. pinifolium (Kirk).

Figs. s-y. Short filament types, × 20: s, Alyssum huetii (Dudley, D. 35230); t, A. stribrnyi (Dudley, D. 34558); u, A. pseudo-mouradicum (Davis 38893); v, A. corningii (Siehe 241); w, A. minutum (Davis 18940); x, A. desertorum var. desertorum (Davis 27622); y, A. strigosum subsp. strigosum (Dudley, D.

34638).

¹ Parsa, in his Fl. de l'Iran 1: 745. 1952, records Alyssum homalocarpum from the Shah Sam de Lut desert of Iran, and indicates that the original publication of this record is to be found on page 326 of the Bornmüller paper titled "Aus der Pflanzenwelt des inner-Iranischen Wüstengürtels" (Repert. Sp. Nov. 40: 1936). Bornmüller, however, does not mention A. homalocarpum, or in fact, any species of Alyssum in that particular paper.

PLATE III

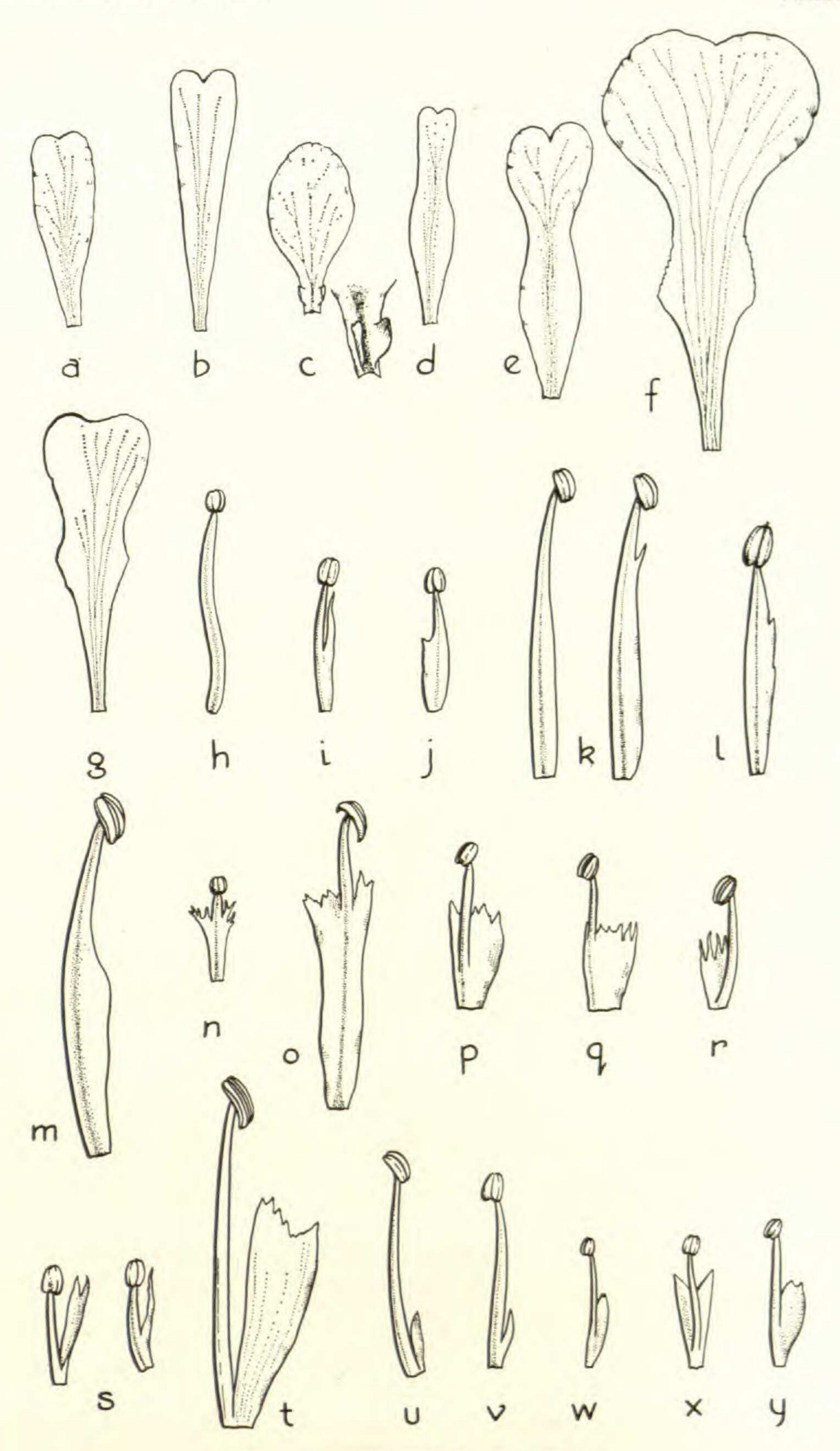
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PLATE IV

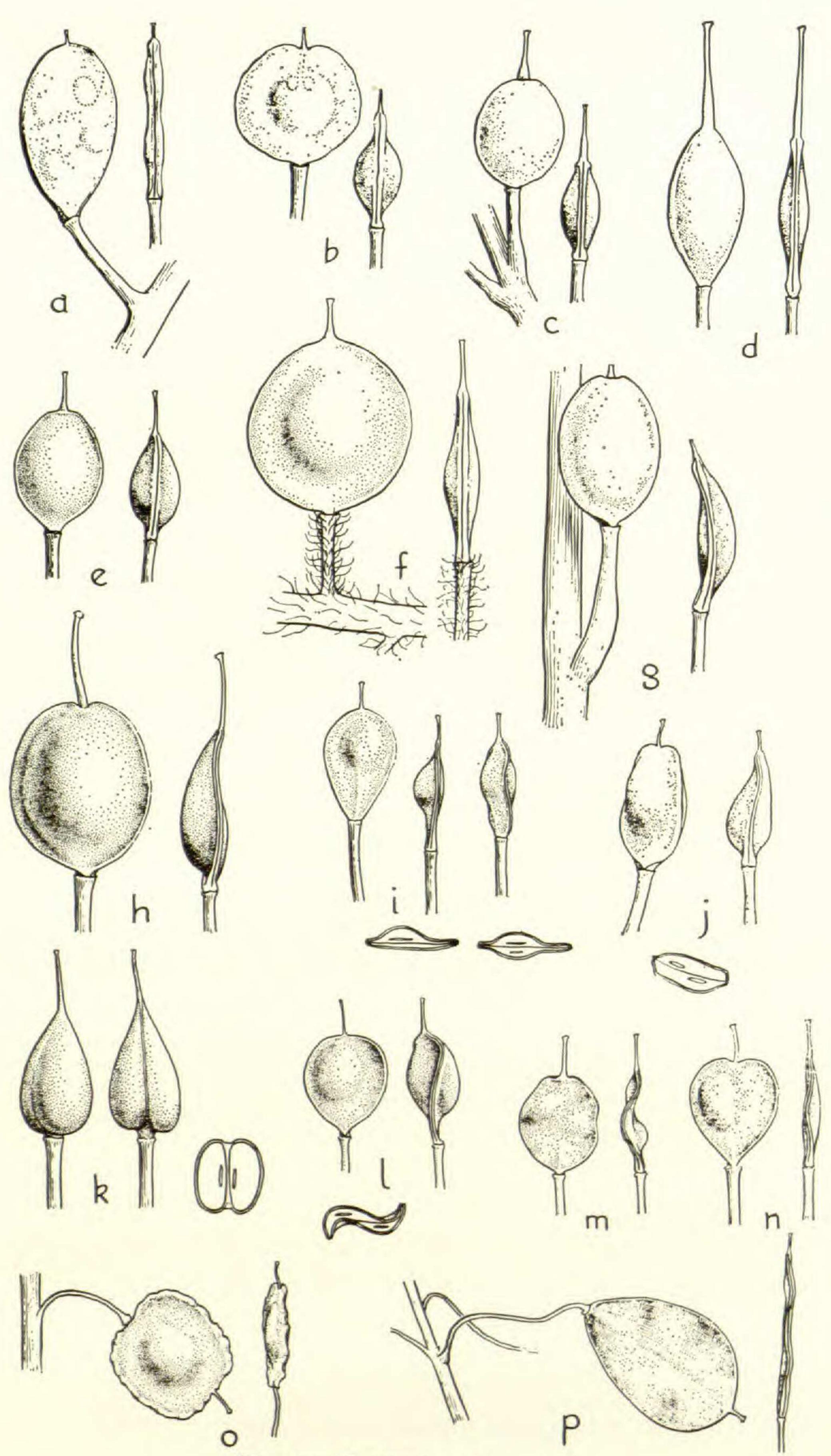
Hair types: a, Alyssum chondrogynum (Davis 3083), from the fruit, × 200; b, A. huetii (Dudley, D. 35230), from the fruit, × 200; c, A. stapfii (Davis 28694), from the fruit, × 50; d, A. xanthocarpum (Davis 19411), from the lower leaf surface, × 50; e, A. pseudo-mouradicum (Davis 38893), from the upper surface of sterile shoot leaf, × 50; f, A. eriophyllum (Haussknecht), from leaf of sterile shoot, × 50; g, A. strigosum subsp. strigosum (Dudley, D. 34638), from the stem, × 50; h, A. strigosum subsp. strigosum (Dudley, D. 34638), from the fruit, × 50; i, A. hirsutum (Prescott), from the fruit, × 50; j, A. corsicum (Dudley, D. 33283), from the lower surface of sterile shoot leaf, × 50; k, A. stribrnyi (Dudley, D. 34558), from upper surface of cauline leaf, × 50; l, A. aizoides (Davis 20328), from upper surface of basal cauline leaf, × 50; m, A. mouradicum (Balls 186), from lower surface of basal cauline leaf, × 50; n, A. szowitsianum (Dudley, D. 35210a), from fruit, × 50.



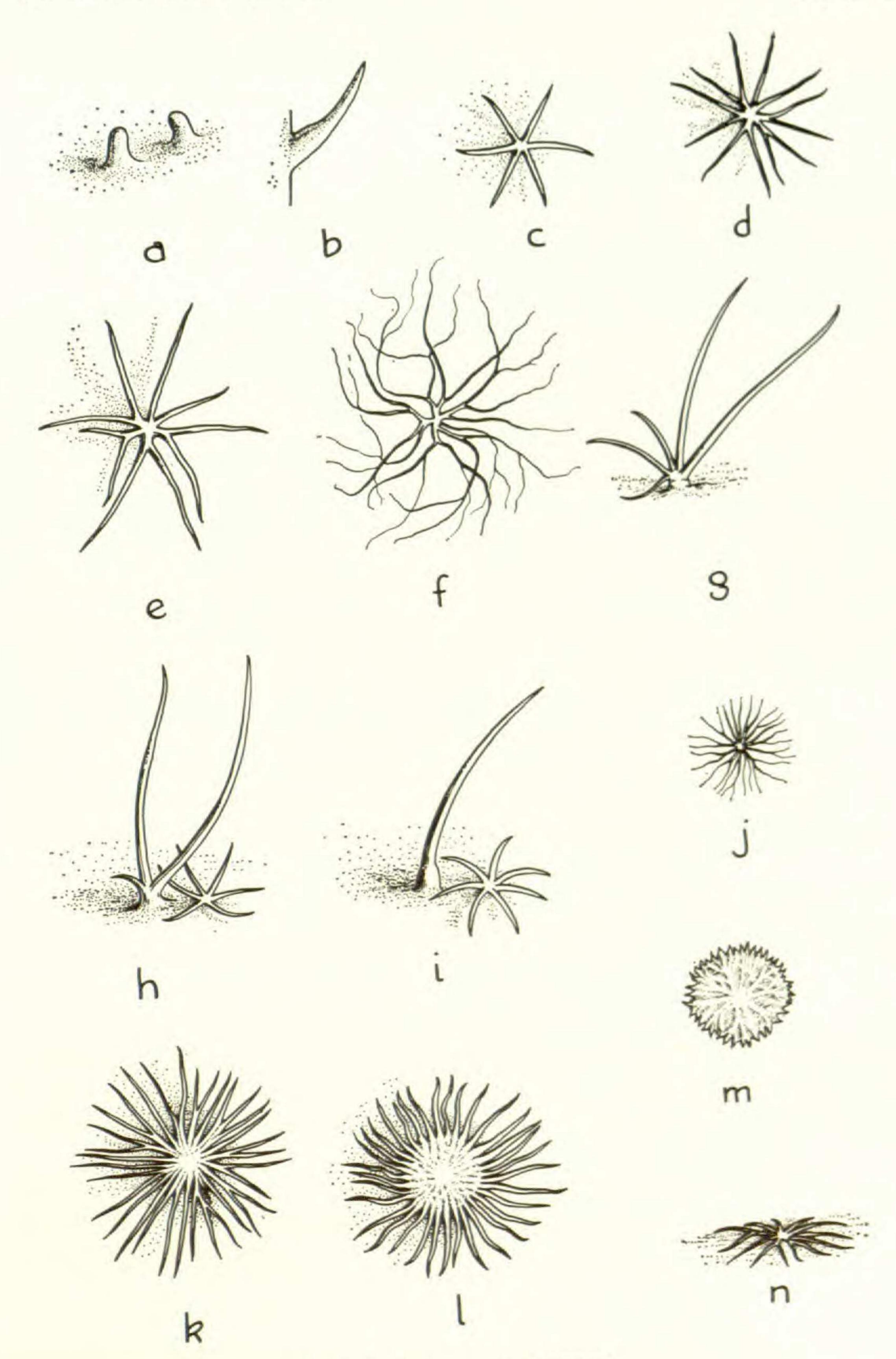
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THE GENERA OF VALERIANACEAE AND DIPSACACEAE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES 1

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VALERIANACEAE Batsch, Tab. Affin. Reg. Veg. 227. 1802, nom. cons. (Valerian Family)

Annual or perennial herbs, sometimes woody at base. Leaves in basal rosettes or opposite, pinnately divided or entire, exstipulate, the bases often sheathing. Inflorescence a monochasium, thyrse, or many-flowered compound dichasial cyme, sometimes condensed and capitate, bracteate and bracteolate [ebracteolate]. Flowers irregular or almost regular, bisexual or unisexual. Calyx obsolete or developing late and becoming conspicuous only in fruit, annular [or toothed], adnate to ovary. Corolla tubular, 5[3 or 4]-lobed, imbricate, often basally spurred or saccate [bilabiate]. Stamens epipetalous and alternate with the corolla lobes, varying in number, usually 3 in our genera [1, 2, 3, or 4]; anthers versatile, 2- or 4-lobed, 4-locular, introrse, dehiscing longitudinally; pollen tricolpate, echinate. Gynoecium syncarpous, ovary inferior, 3-locular, with two locules usually suppressed and one fertile, with a solitary, pendulous, anatropous ovule; style 1, stigma simple or lobed. Fruit dry, indehiscent, the calyx often developing into a winged, awned, or plumose pappus. Seed 1; endosperm absent; embryo large, straight, the cotyledons oblong, the radicle superior. Type genus: Valeriana L.

A family of about ten genera and 370–400 species, widely distributed but occurring mainly in the North Temperate regions and absent from Australasia; three genera native and one introduced in North America; two genera in our area.

Valerianaceae are a natural family closely related to Dipsacaceae but

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distinguished by the 3-locular ovary (one locule fertile), cymose inflorescences, and seeds without endosperm. The family also has affinities with the Caprifoliaceae and Rubiaceae.

Members of the family often have a very characteristic unpleasant odor. Volatile oils occurring mainly in the root and rhizome have been investigated extensively, especially in *Valeriana*.

The cytogenetics of the family have not been very fully investigated, although chromosome numbers for some species of Valeriana (21 species of 300) and Valerianella (11 species of 60) are available. However, only a few chromosome counts are reported for four additional genera: Centranthus, 2n = 14, 32 (three species); Fedia, 2n = 32 (one species); Patrina, 2n = 22 (one species); and Astrephia, 2n = 32 (one species).

The family is of little economic importance. A few members, among them Centranthus ruber (red valerian) and Valeriana officinalis (garden heliotrope or common valerian), are grown as ornamentals. The latter is used as a source of the drug "valerian." Corn salad (Valerianella Locusta), as its name implies, is used in salads. Spikenard (Nardostachys Jatamansi) yields an oil which has been used in perfumery in the East.

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